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Pedal power push at retirement village

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Muslim peace march

MEMBERS of the Zainabiya Islamic Centre gathered for a humanity and peace march yesterday.

The procession, near the mosque in Peverel Drive, Granby, was organised to commemorate the death of Islamic saint Imam Hussain, who was the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed and a revered leader, and to send the message that any religion is humanity.

Around 1,300 years ago Imam Hussain, along with 73 members of his family and followers, were murdered by an army of 10,000.

All change as MK Hospital looks to fill its funding gap

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE way patients are treated at Milton Keynes Hospital could be overhauled to help plug a multi-million pound funding gap, MK NEWS can reveal.

It is also estimated 280 staff could lose their jobs out of the 3,000 currently employed.

The potential changes are included in a plan, to be discussed by the Hospital Trust's board today, in response to the recent primary care trust (PCT) announcement that it will have to save £104million over the next four years.

The hospital, which is already running at a loss, will face a £14.9million funding gap in 2011/12, more than ten per cent of its turnover, if it fails to take action.

This has been caused in part by how many patients the PCT wants the hospital to see next year and how much it is prepared to pay for each one.

The NHS is also making a national four per cent efficiency saving, reducing the amount the hospital receives for each patient it treats.

Mark Millar, the hospital's interim chief executive, said: "Being in deficit is not an option. Like anyone else, we have to make sure that we don't run out of cash.

"We need to make a surplus so we can invest in our staff, our buildings and our equipment for the benefit of our patients.

"With the pressures facing us in the next two years, we have no choice – we have to press for change now."

A two-year plan has been drawn up by looking at high-performing hospitals elsewhere and consulting with staff and managers.

The plan also includes 23 projects, such as reducing the time patients stay in hospital, extending the opening hours of surgical theatres and encouraging more patients to choose the hospital for treatment.

More services could also be delivered to patients without them having to visit the hospital.

Mr Millar added: "Many of the changes will actually improve the patient experience.

"Changing is not easy. But it is the only way we can offer the people of Milton Keynes the quality of care they deserve."

Despite these reassurances, the prospect of cuts is still worrying some patients.

Heart patient Brian O'Sullivan, 63, said: "My wife has been in there for the last couple of years and I've been in there myself and I'm extremely worried about the plans."

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Glossy brochure sells 'green' MK

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COME to Milton Keynes for a green, low carbon and sustainable future.

That is the message in the new 'low carbon prospectus', a 36-page brochure produced by Milton Keynes-based organisations, including the council, in an attempt to sell the city and attract new business and investment.

Milton Keynes: A Sustainable Future charts the city's 'green history' and sets out aspirations to become known internationally for low carbon living and working. The prospectus is designed to encourage eco-interested businesses to relocate to MK and create jobs, such as Network Rail's national centre, which is currently being built and is set to be one of the most sustainable buildings in the UK.

Those involved in the prospectus, including MK Partnership and Zero Carbon Hub, hope promoting the city's green credentials will also help attract more inward investment.

The city has also been named 'one to watch' in a national report by independent think-tank Centre for Cities, which highlights it for its buoyant economy, quality of workforce and ability to weather tough times.

Cllr Mike Galloway, responsible for climate change, said: "Milton Keynes has always led the way when it comes to green initiatives, from building the UK's first solar-powered house to being the first place to adopt kerbside recycling collection.

"The low carbon economy is growing and we intend to make the most of this to create jobs and drive inward investment into Milton Keynes."

The prospectus is available to view at www.zerocarbonhub.org.

Shopping centre set to join council in charging to park

CHARGES will be introduced at thecentre:mk-run car parks.

The news comes as all the 3,872 free green spaces in the city centre are scrapped on Monday and replaced with purple standard bays and an extra 981 red premium-rate spaces are introduced.

A spokesman said: "thecentre:mk has concerns over the changes to the car parking within the central area of Milton Keynes and the overall effect on our customers, staff and the wider business community.

"Car parking spaces around the shopping building are at a premium during the day and it is imperative we protect these spaces for our shopping guests. It has therefore been agreed to introduce charges to the John Lewis and Secklow Gate car parks. This will ensure there are sufficient spaces to deal with the increased demand during peak trading hours for shoppers."

A date for when the charges will be introduced has not been decided.

MK NEWS understands there will be a small increase in the charges at the Midsummer Place multi-storey car park, next to Debenhams. The car park surrounding Xscape, marked with a blue line, will remain at 80p per hour, and the theatre car park in Marlborough Gate will be free until July 31.

A new pay and display machine waiting to be unveiled for Monday's end to free parking in the city

Murder rap for ex-boxer

A FORMER boxer has been charged with murder following an assault that took place more than ten years ago.

Jonathan Barton, 19, was assaulted outside the Beacon Public House in 2000. He suffered serious head injuries and was left disabled. Following his death in 2009, the police investigation was reopened.

Leigh Clift, 31, from Lincolnshire Close, Bletchley, was charged with murder on Thursday. He appeared at Luton Crown Court yesterday and has been bailed until October.

Pair are due in court for theft and vehicle offences

TWO men have been charged with theft and vehicle offences.

Matthew Sunter, 26, of Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow, and Ben Tompkins, 27, of Whaddon Way, Bletchley, were both charged with theft from a vehicle and aggravated vehicle taking.

Sunter was also charged with possession of cannabis and breaching his ASBO, while Tompkins was charged with drink-driving, driving without valid insurance and theft from a shop.

Sunter has been remanded in custody and Tompkins has been released on conditional bail. Both are due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court next month.

The charges are in connection with the theft of a motor vehicle from Exebridge, Furzton, on January 15.

Road rage: David Stabber and Linda Inoki will be joining a protest about Secklow Gate bridge on Friday

Protest planned over bridge

A PROTEST will take place on Friday marking the anniversary of the massive fire that caused major damage to the main bridge in the city centre.

City group for quality development, Xplain, will demonstrate against Milton Keynes Council's plans for Secklow Gate bridge and its failure to reopen it.

Leader of Xplain, Linda Inoki, said: "It's a year since fire damaged Secklow Gate bridge, yet the road is still closed and the council hasn't even started repair work.

"We urge members of the public to join us and deliver a timely message to the council."

As reported in MK NEWS last month, the council's Development Framework shows an intention for the bridge to be removed, creating opportunities for development linked to thecentre:mk.

A council spokesman said: "We are looking carefully at a number of potential options for Secklow Gate bridge and the surrounding area.

"It seemed only sensible to delay spending more than £500,000 on repairs to the bridge while there is any chance that potential development might mean the money is wasted. It's also important to remember that we closed the bridge for safety reasons."

The protest will take place near the open market at 1.15pm.

Son set to replace banned US pastor

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Robbery arrests

TWO men have been arrested and bailed in connection with a robbery linked to the death of Adil Basharat. An inquiry at the coroner's court on Friday determined Adil's cause of death was haemorrhaging and shock caused by a stab wound to the pelvic region.

Paolo search called off

THE police search for missing man Paolo Sicorello has ended. The 34-year-old was last seen in the Giffard Park area on January 9 at around 11.30pm wearing a blue hoodie, blue jeans, white trainers and a black suede jacket.

Free pizzas on offer

FIFTY free pizzas will be on offer at Papa John's Bletchley store at midday on Saturday. Mayor Debbie Brock will be visiting the Chandos Place store to unveil a plaque to mark the company's 10th anniversary in the UK.

Woman on GBH charge

A WOMAN has been charged with GBH after another female was stabbed. The 20-year-old victim suffered stab wounds to her arm and thigh following a fight on January 15. Charlene Ellis, 23, from The Hide, Netherfield, is due to appear before Milton Keynes magistrates in February.

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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THE US pastor invited to Milton Keynes has told MK NEWS that if the ban on him entering the UK is not lifted his son will visit instead.

Dr Terry Jones will send son Luke, who is also a pastor at the Dove World Outreach Centre in Florida, to the city at the begining of February after Home Secretary, Theresa May, banned him from entering the country saying his presence is 'not conducive to the public good'.

Dr Jones said: "We are of course disappointed, but not totally surprised.

"We are currently taking action and hope the Government will reconsider its decision and lift the ban.

"If the ban is not lifted, we will send my son, Luke, who will do the rallies and the speeches.

"His message would not be much different."

As reported last week, Dr Jones, who caused controversy when he threatened to burn copies of the Koran on the anniversary of 9/11 last year, was invited to Milton Keynes by city activists England is Ours to share his views on Islam.

Dr Jones added: "We had no intentions of causing a disturbance or disobeying the law of the land.

"I think it is very unfair – it is against freedom of speech and my human rights not to be able to travel.

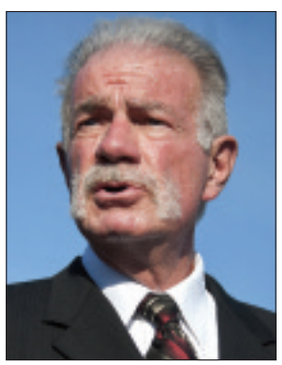
"But we have spoken to England is Ours and we are of the opinion that it would be equally as good, if not better, if Luke visited in view of what has happened."

England is Ours said it is disappointed about the ban, but is happy to welcome Luke.

"We are still discussing the details," said group secretary Barry Taylor.

"He has exactly the same views and has written exactly the same sorts of things.

"He's a very confident guy – younger and more dynamic if anything."



Banned: Pastor Terry Jones

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Get your skates on for city 'gateway' refurbs

SIR – As much as anyone else, I appreciate these are difficult times, but one thing I do agree with is the cutting of quangos.

I am disgusted to see the new Milton Keynes coachway, which was well over it's intended completion, lit up like Christmas every night.

Even more annoying were the images in the press of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) representatives and council officials posing to mark the new development several weeks ago and the information on its website confirming the project cost £2.6million and how important it is as it's on a 'gateway' to the city.

The HCA seems to be making some very questionable decisions about development in our city. My son is an avid skateboarder and he and his friends are regularly at the skate plaza in CMK at what was the tired and forgotten central bus station – also owned by HCA and on a 'gateway' to the city with thousands of commuters and train users daily.

If we want to attract people to live here based on convenient access to the capital, surely HCA should be focusing its attention on improving the station and the sites and facilities around it.

What better way to do that then to engage with the existing users, for example the city's large skateboarding population?

However I'm really pleased to hear that local group Make a Difference has stepped in and begun overseeing regeneration plans for the site.

I do hope HCA and other local planners and developers are supporting this fantastic scheme, which is making use of what we already have in Milton Keynes rather then shelling out on grotesque new developments.

The facility is exactly what MK needs. It is ideally placed on the 'entrance' to our city via the railway station and will really put us on the map.

Name and address supplied

More problems if medical centre had bus route

SIR – Keith Taylor who argues for a bus route to serve the new Whaddon Medical Centre is apparently unaware of the congestion already caused by the centre at busy times – congestion which would be worse if buses were trying to negotiate Muirfield Drive and Tweed Drive.

When the development of the site was proposed residents raised the subject of traffic congestion, but were reassured by the council's planning officers that this should not be a problem because the centre would have a large car park.

Unfortunately the car park is behind the centre and many motorists are too lazy to drive into it then walk round to the front door, so they park in the street as close to the door as they can get, in spite of the fact this is on a sharp bend.

No provision was made for a pick up and drop off zone, so infirm patients are delivered to the front door and their drivers often park on the pavement to be as close as possible to the door.

The building should be at the back, with the car park in front to lure motorists off the street and there should be a pick up and drop off zone by the door.

The subject of a bus route was raised at the planning stage but we were led to believe that the bus bays nearby in Standing Way would serve.

Pedestrian access could be made easier by opening a gate at the back onto the Redway along Standing Way.

I welcomed the centre as a development that should not impact adversely on those of us who live nearby and was reassured that an adequate car park would alleviate congestion and that bus routes in Standing Way would serve.

I feel betrayed. Why did the council's planning officers allow such a mistake?

Donald MacCallum,
Pulborough Close, Bletchley

Late, cold and crowded

SIR – In reference to the letter headlined 'Timely and uncrowded' (January 19).

As a bus user who uses the buses to travel to and from work most days during peak times they are often overcrowded, late and just downright uncomfortable.

Just this week I have had to stand twice on the way home from work on the 7/7A, brave freezing temperatures on the way to work [5A] because the bus has no heating and been late to work because buses either didn't turn up or were late.

It's not that they are particularly infrequent that's the problem, it's the fact they seem unable to stick anywhere close to timetable.

Peter Whiting
Wolverton

Mosque is no threat

SIR – Government cuts threaten jobs, benefits, education, libraries and other public services.

Bankers take millions in bonuses from banks we own, the super rich get richer by avoiding billions in taxes.

But what do the handful who call themselves England is Ours do? (MK NEWS, January 19).

They try to whip up division by directing people's worries and anger towards muslims.

People are uniting to oppose real threats to our way of life by defending jobs, education and services. A mosque in Bletchley is a threat to no-one.

Kate Hunter
MK Coalition of Resistance

Monthly pain clinic

SIR – With reference to the letter in your paper regarding help with fibromyalagia. (January 12)

Many people are not aware of the existence of the MK pain clinic, run by a pain psychologist from MK Hospital.

People who would like help and assistance will have to be referred by their GP. We meet once a month to share experiences and take part in activities.

Pain medication and disability issues are regularly discussed.

If you wish to join this group and meet like-minded people ask your GP to refer you.

Pauline Hamilton
Sent by e-mail

Exiled councillors

SIR – When I first needed help from a councillor, they lived in the same area and were known by everyone.

Now I have councillors living nearby but none for here.

Reclusive, elusive and not really much help. How I wish we could go back to the days when councillors lived in the area they represented.

Would they win an election in their own home patch? We will probably never know – but you have to wonder.

Alwyne Metcalfe
Pinewood Drive, Fenny Stratford

In proportion

SIR – With regards to the critical letter against the alternative vote (AV) (January 12).

In my opinion AV is a satisfactory and democratic voting system.

For example, take the senario of AV elections where a candidate cannot gain a majority on the first preferences, the second preference votes on the candidate who finished last on the first count are redistributed. This process is repeated until a candidate polls above 50 per cent.

AV is not an archaic system. Take the present political situation with the coaliton government and the Liberal Democrats gaining office by coming third past the post in last year's general election.

This outmoded suffrage system is not fair and equitable for today's electorate.

Paul Bowler
Sent by e-mail

Older and positive

SIR – Congratulations to MK NEWS for last week's coverage of the Golden Wonders competition, which honoured older people who have made a significant contribution to improving the lives of their communities.

It was so refreshing to see the contribution of older people celebrated in such a public way.

So often in the media, and in the wider community, older people are portrayed in a negative light.

October 1 is the 20th anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons – an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of older people and hopefully MK Council, its many partners and older people themselves, will organise an appropriate celebration in Milton Keynes.

So, well done MK Council and Age UK MK for running the competition and well done to MK NEWS for combating negative stereotypes.

I look forward to reading about more examples of the positive exploits of older people in Milton Keynes in 2011.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

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Love thy neighbour: Not a rule that football fans tend to live by, but tradition was thrown out the window when MK Dons played at Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday. To mark the home side's 'Daggers Against Racism' day there was no segregation of home and away supporters, leaving Daggers and Dons fans cheering and jeering in the terraces alongside each other. It was the Dons fans who had more to cheer about when Mark Carrington grabbed an injury time winner. For more on the match turn to page 75.

Budget axe falls on arts groups

Whopping 20 per cent cut could see some city projects scrapped

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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THE city's art groups are facing a 20 per cent cut in their funding as Milton Keynes Council (MKC) reviews it budget.

One of the 11 voluntary organisations that could be hit hardest is Inter-Action MK, a city-based charity which runs projects for the disadvantaged.

Director, Sharon Paulger, said: "A 20 per cent cut in our grant from the council will have a devastating effect on the organisation.

"The grant we currently get provides essential core funding which we would find hard, if not impossible, to get from anywhere else.

"The council is proposing a 20 per cent cut to arts organisations, whereas other voluntary sector organisations are looking at a much smaller cut of five per cent and our outcomes are not any different.

"Such a sudden large cut puts our work at risk. The arts organisations in MK are asking the council to treat us the same as the rest of the voluntary sector."

Artworks MK, the oldest arts organisation in the city, has said unless the proposed cuts are spread over a number of years jobs and activities may have to be scrapped by the group.

Tracey Clarke, executive director, said: "We feel it is an incredibly short-sighted view from MK Council - the city is rapidly growing and people are attracted to MK because of the arts it offers. Nearly two million people in Milton Keynes took part in the arts last year.

"We understand that cuts have to be made, but hope the council would stage them over a number of years.

"We have found ways to help fund our workshops and projects by opening a coffee bar and shop but they won't be able to immediately guarantee that kind of income."

The council will make a final decision on its budget at a meeting on February 22.

■ For more on the planned cuts turn to pages 24 and 25.

Police seek sex attacker

Have you seen this man?

POLICE want to speak to this man in connection with a sexual assault.

A 14-year-old girl was walking along wasteland from the V10 towards Woolstone on Monday, January 10 between 3.30 and 3.45pm when a man walked past and grabbed her from behind before sexually assaulting her.

Police believe the same man was involved in an assault on a 44-year-old woman who was approached by a male on the Redway in Monkston on Monday, December 31 at around 3.50pm. The man grabbed her by the arms but walked off when she screamed.

The offender, who is of Mediterranean appearance with an Eastern European accent, is about 5ft 7ins and of average build. He was wearing a dark beanie hat, dark jumper with thin pale horizontal stripes and jeans.

DC Darren Street said: "Due to the similarity in the descriptions of the offenders and the times and locations of the offences, we believe this is the same man.

"I would stress that at this stage these offences are not being linked to the two other sexual assaults which happened on Sunday." (See page 7)

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Former hospital mortuary technician Alison Todd started Pets At Rest after her dog, Inca, died

Dog's death leads to pet undertakers

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE city's first pet funeral directors has come to life.

Pets At Rest was started up at the beginning of the month and offers a tailor-made service allowing owners to give any animal – from birds to horses - a personalised send-off.

They can visit their pet in the chapel of rest and write in the Book of Remembrance situated in the crematorium.

A wide range of extras are offered depending on what the owner wants, including lockets which hold fur or ashes and caskets in the shape of animals. Owners can wait to take their pet's ashes home or the company will deliver them.

Alison Todd, the company's managing director, is a former mortuary technician at MK Hospital.

After losing her dog Inca, she decided people needed more time to say goodbye and a helping hand to pay their respects.

She said: "I dealt with the bereaved on a daily basis, but I came to realise people sometimes struggle to deal with losing their pets as much as they do people. People can often have their pets for up to 15 years.

"After the experience of losing Inca last year, I realised there was a real gap for that personal touch when it comes to helping you decide what to do for your pet after its passing.

"The vets do the best they can but, especially when the death comes as a shock, people need some extra time to say goodbye. We have humanised our pets, they are part of our family.

"Pets At Rest is a legacy to Inca, who was my best friend. Our loyal companions deserve the same loyalty in return right to the very end."

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New councillor

Cllr Padma Cheriyan

A NEW independent councillor has joined a parish council to 'help and push issues for people'.

Padma Cheriyan, 71, beat competition from Labour candidate George Conchie to fill the vacancy at West Bletchley Parish Council in a by-election on Thursday.

She said: "There are health and transport issues that I think are important to people and both are crying out for attention.

"I was very much the underdog in this contest. I'm humbled by the trust that residents have placed in me.

"We need to put party politics to one side on West Bletchley council and work together for the good of local people."

Cops seeking Sunday morning sex attacker

POLICE are hunting for a sex attacker following two assaults in just 30 minutes on Sunday.

A 46-year-old woman was walking near Lodge Lake, Great Holm, at 9.51am when she noticed a man touching himself inappropriately.

As she walked away the offender ran after her and grabbed her from behind.

Then at 10.20am a 49-year-old woman was walking her dog along the redway near Atkins Close, Bradwell, when the offender walked past and grabbed her from behind, forced her to the ground and sexually assaulted her.

The offender is white, in his early to mid-20s and stocky. He was wearing an olive green jacket, possibly a raincoat, blue jeans and a black woollen hat pulled low over his eyebrows.

DS Neil Robinson said: "These offences happened within a very short time period and within a similar area so we believe they are linked to the same offender.

"We have police officers and Police Community Support Officers carrying out patrols in the area and speaking to as many potential witnesses as possible.

"Both these areas are popular with dog walkers and joggers so I would ask anyone who may have seen a man matching this description in the area on Sunday morning to contact us.

"We would also reinforce our message about taking sensible steps to keep safe and in particular for women to walk home with other people wherever possible."

Witnesses can call DS Robinson on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Armed store robbers strike again

ARMED robbers have struck at another city store.

Three offenders entered the Co-operative store in St Leger Court, Great Linford, with knives and what is believed to be a handgun, threatened staff and stole cash and cigarettes on Monday at 10.30pm.

The offenders were black, the first wearing a black puffa-style jacket and black trousers. The second was wearing a grey top and tan trousers, while the third wore a black puffa-style jacket and grey bottoms.

DI Neil Dodds said: "We are linking this latest robbery to the current series of robberies in Milton Keynes.

"There is a great deal of work being done to catch these offenders and we are confident that they will be brought to justice."

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MK-Bedford water link plans moving

WORK on the city's first section of the planned £260million Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway could soon be under way.

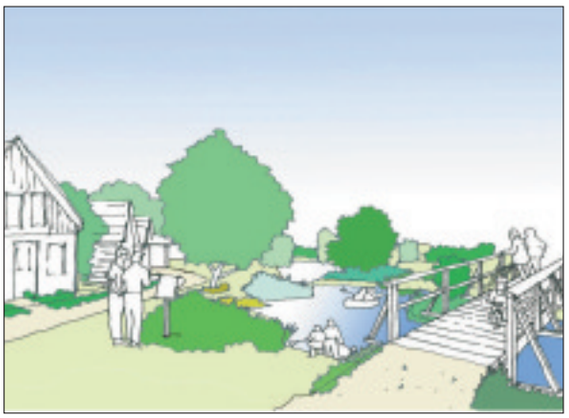
A part of the Milton Keynes Waterway Park, the city section of the 26k scheme, linking the Grand Union Canal to the River Great Ouse, is being considered as part of a planning application to extend the Magna Park linear park, currently home to John Lewis and River Island warehouses.

The developers for the site would need to build balancing lakes, which gather water when there has been excessive rain fall, and the trust responsible for the waterway has asked that a section be included as a part of these lakes.

Graham Mabbutt, voluntary director of Bedford and MK Waterway Trust, said: "The waterway is for tourism, leisure, relaxation and enjoyment of the countryside.

"It will bring in extra revenue for the businesses in the area and create extra jobs."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Partnership, which is considering the application, said: "In accordance with MK Council's local plan, this linear park design brief safeguards the land to enable the provision of the Waterway Park should The Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust be in a position to deliver it in the future.



A canal bridge and housing on the proposed waterway link

"Similar provision was made during the planning of the northern section of the linear park at Brooklands."

Plans are in place for the entire route, which should run from the Grand Union Canal, near where it meets H6 Childs Way, to Willen Lake, into Broughton Brook, past Kingston and then close to the M1 before crossing the Bedford border and ending up at the Great Ouse.

An underpass is already in place beneath the M1 and a feature was included in the newly-built A421 M1 to Bedford link road to allow the waterway to pass underneath.

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Sunshine opening
THE city's newest Sure Start Children's Centre holds its official opening on Friday.

Sunshine Children's Centre in Furzton will offer support to families with children under five years old in the surrounding area, and has been set up by Milton Keynes Council.

Olney Library safe
RUMOURS that Olney Library is being considered for closure as part of Milton Keynes Council's current budget review have been dismissed.

It was originally considered in an officer report, but was thrown out by councillors when forming the draft budget.

Licence dodgers
MORE than 1,900 people in Milton Keynes were caught watching TV without a licence in 2010.

An unlicensed address will receive reminder letters and possibly a phone call before a visit from an enquiry officer is scheduled - but if someone is then caught watching TV illegally, they risk prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

Pub flasher
A MAN exposed himself to an 18-year-old woman near The Cricketers Pub, Oldbrook, on January 11.

The offender was in a blue car with a woman driving. He asked for directions, then exposed himself.

Councillor probe costs over £25k

AN INVESTIGATION into an argument between two councillors has cost more than £25,000.

As reported by MK NEWS in December, Milton Keynes Council's standards committee spent 20 months investigating a claim by Cllr Douglas McCall that he had been called a liar by Cllr Andrew Dransfield.

At that time, it was reported that £11,000 had been spent, excluding the cost of the hearing itself, but a Freedom of Information request sent to the council by MK NEWS has revealed the total amount spent was £25,581.30.

This figure includes investigators costs of £13,200, internal legal costs of £6,918.50, external legal costs of £5,112.80 and support costs of £350.

The hearing in November eventually dismissed the complaint as 'there was no evidence in the form of a transcript of the meeting or otherwise to suggest the words actually used at the meeting' and that 'although a number of individuals were approached, none could confirm exactly what was said at the meeting'.

Accuser: Cllr McCall

Accused: Cllr Dransfield

> I wonder how many potholes could have been filled with the standards hearing money? I think the whole standards regime has been ridiculous – **Cllr Andrew Dransfield**

The complaint was with regards to Cllr Dransfield's conduct during a discussion about potholes at a full council meeting on April 14, 2009.

This week Cllr Dransfield said: "I wonder how many potholes could have been filled with the standards hearing money?

"I think the whole standards regime has been ridiculous. The Government has said it's going to go. If I've put my hand in the till I should go to court, and if I've upset the electorate they should decide what to do, and that's the way it should be."

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

MK ambulance service in call for first-aiders

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE ambulance service is appealing for more volunteers to help save lives.

Community first responders provide vital first aid to patients who live in their area while they are waiting for paramedics to arrive.

The number of emergency calls attended by first responders has increased by 25 per cent over the last 12 months. But there is currently a shortage of volunteers – especially in Olney and Newport Pagnell.

First responders undertake a weekend of intial training in first aid and basic life-saving skills, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated defibrillator.

IT manager Ritchie Blake, from Bletchley, has been a first responder for a year. The 40-year-old said: "It's great – it supports the ambulance service and it means there are more people around Milton Keynes who are trained to deal with life-threatening situations.

"When there was snow and the ambulances couldn't get in there were people like me who could get there. We go out to all sorts of jobs, from falls to chest pains and strokes. It's rewarding because we get there first and can give support to the injured, the family and the ambulance service. It is a massive benefit to the community and helps the NHS – especially in a time of cut-backs."

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Volunteer first responder Ritchie Blake

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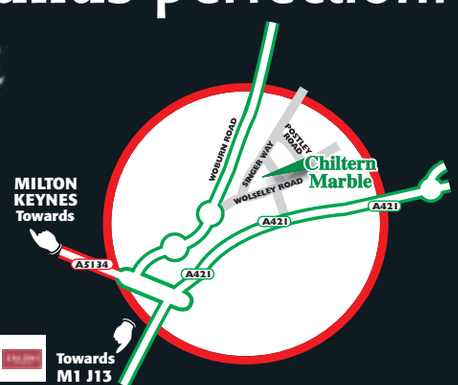

Disturbed earth report leads to police search

A CORDON was imposed in Bradwell Common following reports of disturbed earth.

Police, who were called by a member of the public at 11.34am on Thursday, searched the scene but nothing was found.

Residents fear price rise after store goes

RESIDENTS are worried about the rising cost of their shopping if plans for their Local Centre are given the go-ahead.

As part of a revamp of the centre at Shenley Church End, Sainsbury's is set to replace Netto, the number of retail units could be increased and an ATM machine installed.

Netto is moving out of the largest retail unit at the site after being unable to renew its lease, which runs out in June.

Some residents are worried the price of their weekly shop will increase with the arrival of Sainsbury's, which, subject to planning permission, could be open in October.

One resident in Engaine Drive said: "I find Sainsbury's is a bit more expensive so I would have preferred it to be something else.

"I think the older people that haven't got a lot of money might have a problem."

Another resident added: "I'd be very sorry to see Netto go because it's a good store. They've got a variety of things, not just food. I do buy a lot at Netto and it's handy for bringing heavy things back and I'm going to miss it."

The Parks Trust has submitted a planning application to Milton Keynes Council, which also includes improving the car park layout, fixing the clock and making the centre more visible from the main road.

Jenny Strathern, commercial manager at the trust, said: "We're very excited about the plans for Shenley Church End, which will offer an improved local centre for our tenants and for customers. It's great to have Sainsbury's on board as having a strong retail anchor is essential for the future of the centre."

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "We have many great offers in store and our product ranges, such as our Basics range, cater for all budgets. We are committed to offering our customers value for money in our convenience stores and we compare our convenience store prices with those of our competitors in order to remain competitive."

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30 'village people' get on their bikes

Lovat Fields residents, staff and friends pedal exercise machines in charity 'cycleathon'

RESIDENTS, staff and friends at a retirement village got on their bikes for a relay race with a difference on Monday.

More than 30 people at Lovat Fields Retirement Village took part in a five-hour 'cycleathon', pedalling on exercise bikes in aid of two older persons' charities.

The residents had been training for months, with some of those pedalling the bikes – set up along the main street at the village – having suffered strokes and some with respiratory problems.

One of those was former Heinz maintenance man Alan Simpson, 65, who has asthma.

He said: "I get in the gym every day and do the cycling anyway, so I just took part with the rest of the residents. I've got asthma and the gym has helped me to get a lot fitter. I do the bikes, the jogging and some of the weights. I'm now feeling much better."

The event, which raised money for Age UK and ExtraHope, a group of volunteers raising funds for a second retirement village in Milton Keynes, started out as a joke between the residents and village gym instructor Hayley West.

Hayley, who is running the London Marathon for Age UK in April, said: "What turned out as being a bit of a joke with the residents became a challenge.

"Everyone did ten to 20 minute slots and all of them had a time in mind and a goal, with most people picking things that would challenge them."

Puff stuff: Dave Page, one of the residents of Lovat Fields Retirement Village takes up the baton in the five-hour 'cycleathon'

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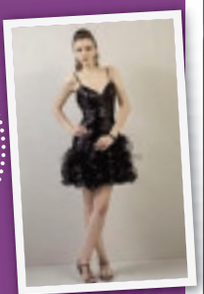

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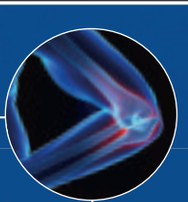

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Get switched on to faulty electrics

Firefighters warn of defective or misused electical house appliances

Warning: Bucks Fire and Rescue Service station manager Gary Taylor

THREE electrical fires happened last week, just days before firefighters launched a national campaign raising awareness of the problem.

On Thursday, a microwave caught fire in Howitt Drive, Bradville. On Friday a house in Westbrook End, Newton Longville, suffered 80 per cent smoke damage due to a fridge fire, and on Saturday there was a cooker fire in Lawnsmead Gardens, Newport Pagnell.

Faulty or misused electrical products are the biggest cause of accidental house fires in the country, prompting the launch of the first national Electrical Fire Safety Week last Monday.

Last year there were 142 accidental house fires in Milton Keynes, more than half of which (77) were as a result of electrical appliances.

Government figures show accidental fires caused by electricity could cause as many as 40 deaths a year nationally.

Gary Taylor, station manager at Broughton and Newport Pagnell fire stations, said: "Electrical appliances have become a staple of modern life. Just think how many more we have now than we did 20 or 30 years ago.

"With the recent cold weather, many sockets could still be loaded with heaters and electric blankets.

"The majority of electrical fires start in the kitchen, so be extra careful when using cooking appliances.

"We are working hard to bring down the number of deaths and injuries caused by fires and everyone can help by checking that the electrical equipment they use every day is in good shape and is operated properly."

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Olly Jakes and Bella Kirkton from the Talbot Inn

Pub staff are set to pitch in

PUB staff are looking to lend a helping hand to their neighbours.

The newly opened Talbot Inn in Loughton is offering £1,000 for materials, with the bar, kitchen and management staff offering their services to tackle whatever the community throws their way.

Ideas include making over a neglected community space, repainting the village hall or creating a sensory garden at a school.

Manager Cath Poynton said: "We're very proud of the Talbot Inn's heritage and the part it has played in the community. We hope to find a worthy local project we can help and can't wait to get stuck in."

Suggestions should be sent to pr@orchidgroup.co.uk, with the best idea chosen on Tuesday.

Projects must be suitable to complete in one day and all ideas are welcome.

Photography prize wins kit for school

A STUDENT has snapped up a camera and £5,000 worth of equipment for her school after winning a national photography competition.

Denbigh School sixth form student Emily Egan, 17, was one of three national winners from thousands of entrants in the contest, which had the theme My School: Celebrating Our Specialism in Action.

Entrants were required to produce a storyboard of their school in liaison with a professional photographer.

Emily's came up trumps, winning equipment including a camera, studio lighting and a screen for her school.

She said: "It's inspiring to win such an esteemed competition for something that was once just a hobby.

"I've learnt some invaluable things about photography in the process and I'm glad that my success in the competition has benefited my school."

The school will now receive the new equipment courtesy of competition organisers Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and Ward-Hendry Photography.

Head teacher Sarah Parker said: "Emily's enthusiasm for the competition and dedication to her work has resulted in the national recognition that is well deserved.

"Her photos were carefully thought out and I hope that she continues to enjoy and build upon her photographic skills. I wish her every success for the future."

Denbigh School sixth form student Emily Egan's prize-winning photo which netted £5k of equipment for the school

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40
26th January 2011

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40th Birthday
Richard Robson

Happy 40th Birthday 28th January 2011. Lots of love from all the Family xxx

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18th Birthday
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YASMINE NOWICKI

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With love
Bernard and Family.

ROY HUBBARD

14-5-25 - 20-1-10
Loving Husband of Jean and a wonderful Dad and Grandad.
We miss you so much. We never stop talking about you dear. You'll never walk alone.
Love Always
Jean, Paul, Terry, Jane, James, Royston, Julie, Sally, Betty, Tony and The Gang.

DOROTHY BOWLER
8th January 2004

Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Dearly loved, missed and remembered every day.
Love always Fred and family xxxx

NIGEL CAVILL

26-01-2010
One year on and our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.
Loved and remembered every day.
Linda, Rhea and Aaran x

ARTHUR WALKER
Died 21 January 1997, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Wyn, deceased father to Pat and father-in-law to Jim, grandad and great grandad who fell asleep suddenly without time to say goodbye.
Loving and treasured memories and always in our hearts and thoughts.
Love Pat and Jim.

WINSOME & HARRY PEART
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26.01.10
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Hossein, David and Gabs
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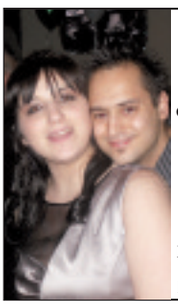

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Budget Consultation 2011/12

This year has seen many financial pressures for Central Government, Local Authorities and the business and voluntary sectors. These pressures will continue as Central Government looks to save £115 billion.

Milton Keynes Council has a net budget of around £200 million per year and directly employs 2,500 staff. The Council is faced with a substantial reduction in funding from Central Government and increasing demand for some services, particularly in social care. As a result the Council must save more than £26 million in 2011/12 with an additional cumulative savings target of £30 million during the three years from 2010/2013.

Each year decisions have to be made about how the Council will spend its limited budget. Whilst seeking to protect essential services for the community, the Council continues to look at the services it delivers and the way they are delivered to ensure that it provides you with value for money.

Council spending covers everything from schools, early years centres, maintaining roads and pavements, and running children's homes, to providing home and residential care for the old and vulnerable, supporting people with mental health problems, maintaining parks and playgrounds, protecting public health and much more. We are committed to minimising the impact on the most vulnerable groups and individuals.

In light of the budget restrictions outlined by the Government in October, it is critical that we work together to make the right choices about how we use the money we have.

We've already started saving money

- The Council is reviewing current ways of working to deliver value for money. Changes will include restructures and service redesign, and increases in charges.
- We asked you for suggestions for efficiencies and more than 200 of these are being reviewed and implemented where appropriate.
- The Council's buying activity, previously outsourced, has been brought back in house with a target to achieve more than £2 million of procurement savings over the next three years.

Council Tax Levels

The Council's revenue budget (which funds the day to day activities of the Council) is part funded by Council Tax with the remainder being received from Government grants, business rates and fees and charges. The Council could choose to put up Council Tax to help meet its funding challenges, however the Government has identified funding of £2.3m for the next 4 years to encourage local authorities to implement a Council Tax freeze in 2011/12. If the Council chose to put up Council Tax it would lose this Government money, so any increase would need to be at least 2.5% or higher (equivalent to at least £28 on a Band D property) to provide more money than would be lost. We are therefore proposing to take the money offered by Government, which would mean that the Council Tax demand from Milton Keynes Council will not increase next year.

Please note: Parishes and other precepting bodies may still choose to put up their elements of the Council Tax, which may result in some overall increase to your bill, even if Milton Keynes Council does not increase its component.

How you can get involved

We have listened to you via surveys, user groups and your direct comments about how you think our services are performing. As a result of a substantial reduction in funding from Central Government, an increasing demand for some services and even after taking into account the savings already being made, there will still need to be:

- Increased charges for some services
- Changes in the regularity and level of service provision
- A reduction in grants to voluntary and community organisations
- Some services being stopped altogether

Further information is available explaining these proposals in detail. This information may be found in the Civic Offices, Saxon Court, public libraries, on our website or by contacting us (details below).

Please tell us what you think about the Council's budget proposals and any way you think the Council can go further to increase efficiency savings.

To take part in this consultation, please fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to the address below no later than 4 February, 2011.

Alternatively you can:

- Go to our website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/budget-consultation**
- Send an email to: **budget@milton-keynes.gov.uk**
- Call us on 01908 252696
- Write to us at: **Budget 2011, Freepost ANG7122, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG**
- Come to one of the Committee meetings that will be discussing the budget - some meetings look at particular services. These will be held at the Council's Civic Offices on the dates below

Budget Review Challenge

- Environment 10 January 2011, 7.00pm
- Children & Young People 17 January 2011, 6.00pm
- Strategy & Partnerships and Finance & Risk Management 19 January 2011, 6.30pm
- Community Wellbeing 24 January 2011, 5.30pm
- **Cabinet meeting** 15 February 2011, 7.00pm
- **Council meeting** 22 February 2011, 7.30pm

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Questionnaire

Budget proposals

Even after taking into account the savings already being made the Council is considering proposals to:

- Increase charges for some services
- Change the regularity and level of service provision
- Reduce grants to voluntary and community organisations
- Stop some services altogether.

Further information is available explaining these proposals in more detail. This information may be found in the Civic Offices, Saxon Court, public libraries, on our website or by contacting us (details above).

Your comments

The proposals presented for consultation would achieve a balanced budget. The Council's budget is a fixed amount, so any increase in spending over and above the draft budget proposals could only be funded by an increase in Council Tax or further spending cuts.

1. Thinking about the current financial pressures and the needs of Milton Keynes as a whole, do you agree or disagree with the budget proposals put forward? Please state your reasons, referring to specific proposals wherever possible.

2. When you think about the services the Council delivers, do you think there are any additional savings we can make?

About You

To ensure that we are meeting the needs of all residents it is important that we ask you a few questions about yourself. The information will be used to provide summary analyses only so it will not be possible to identify individual responses. The information you provide will be treated anonymously.

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Ethnic Origin *(please tick one box)*

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White (Irish) ☐	Mixed heritage (White & Black African) ☐	Asian (Pakistani) ☐
White (other) ☐	Mixed heritage (White & Asian) ☐	Asian (Bangladeshi) ☐
Black (Caribbean) ☐	Black (other) ☐	Chinese ☐
Black (African) ☐	Prefer not to say ☐	Other (if other please specify) ☐

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Thank you for filling in this questionnaire

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A grand entrance for school visitors

STAFF and pupils at White Spire School know how to make an entrance.

A new visitors' entrance was opened on Firday at the all age special school in Bletchley by the Mayor, Councillor Debbie Brock.

It includes a new reception area, seating and wheelchair access. The former main entrance and reception have also been refurbished for use exclusively by staff and pupils.

New White Spire entrance signs featuring the school's new logo were also unveiled at the opening ceremony, which was attended by staff, pupils, members of the student council and governors.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes Cllr Debbie Brock with White Spire head teacher Maria Penicud and chairman of governors Marlene Harrison-Jones at the opening of the school's new visitors' entrance

Noisy neighbour was 'possessed by spirit'

A NUISANCE neighbour 'possessed by an ancestral African spirit' has been fined.

Godfrey Chipanga, an asylum seeker, annoyed his neighbours with incessant loud music, screaming and whistling, but claimed he was possessed.

Milton Keynes magistrates heard on Tuesday, January 19 that the council's environmental health team had five noise complaints in June and July last year, relating to Chipanga's flat in Felbridge, Kents Hill in the city. On June 6 an officer served him with a noise abatement order, which he failed to comply with and further complaints were received, including at least one from the next street.

Stereo equipment was seized on July 4 and interviews were carried out with Chipanga's wife, who said she believed he had a drink problem but refused to get help.

He failed to turn up for his trial, his laywer told the court he is now living in Derby and couldn't afford the train fare. Chipanga was fined £50 and ordered to pay £200 costs in his absence.

Councillor Mike Galloway, responsible for the environment, said: "Noisy neighbours make life hell for those people living around them and we will continue to prosecute people who behave with such a lack of consideration."

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Stylist's advice is a cut above

A MILTON Keynes College student has been getting some top tips from a hairdresser to the stars.

Beverly C MBE, twice winner of the British Hairdresser of the Year award and a judge on the BBC's Young Hairdresser of the Year, was at Lifestyle Salon in Newport Pagnell earlier this month to run a training session for stylists.

Beverly, who has cut hair for Natalie Portman, Jennifer Saunders and Kym Marsh, was sharing technical tips on cutting and colouring with MK College mature hairdressing student Sassi Khan, 30, who was thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside the celebrity stylist.

"It was a fantastic opportunity to meet such an amazing stylist, who has achieved so much and to see her working close-up. Beverly was so inspiring, but very down to earth and she was happy to answer all my questions," said mum-of-two Sassi, who has completed her two-year NVQ course in Hairdressing Level 2 in just 12 months.

Joe DiMicco, hairdressing, beauty and holistic therapy manager at Milton Keynes College, added: "We were thrilled to be able to send Sassi to Lifestyle Salon where she had the opportunity to work alongside Beverly C.

"We actively encourage these close links with industry."

Hairdresser to the stars Beverly C, left, with Milton Keynes College student Sassi Khan at Lifestyle Salon in Newport Pagnell

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Kids to get chance of 'boot camp' fun

YOUNGSTERS will be given the chance to learn values such as respect, hard work and teamwork, while getting exercise and having fun.

Urban Scouts, which is described as a cross between Scouts, Army Cadets and XBox, will be arriving in Milton Keynes on February 13.

It will allow eight to 14-year-olds to take part in a one hour weekly 'boot camp' where they will do basic PE exercise and learn things like first aid, before heading outdoors to play with new, high-tec Laser Tag guns.

There will also be a monthly, three-and-a-half-hour outdoor activity like orienteering.

Kids will get 'homework' sheets to record their 'helpful activities', like doing chores for their parents or tidying their room.

Each homework activity scores points, building towards 5,000 and the ultimate goal of 'sniper training'.

Some of the older children could also be 'promoted' to help look after the younger ones.

Urban Scouts is already a success in Lowestoft and Norwich, and MK Sergeant Alan McKinnon said children will have fun while getting lots out of the activities.

He said: "It's confidence building, teaching respect for yourself and others. We spend a lot of time on anti-bullying and no bad language is allowed, or they might have to do press-ups.

"It's designed to be quite tough, but in the paramaters of eight to 14-year-olds.

"It's trying to give them positive things in life, we're not trying to take away from parents or teachers, just give them something extra.

"It encourages personal skills, better behaviour, to think before they act and we drill teamwork into them. I guarantee they'll have a great time."

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Alan McKinnon from Urban Scouts MK where kids collect 'helpful' homework points towards 'sniper training'

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Lights to go out as council

Last month, Milton Keynes Council submitted its draft budget proposals for public consultation. It will be holding a meeting on February 22 to discuss the changes and cuts, which will see £25million cut from this year's budget, as well as about 544 council jobs axed over the next three years. But before making a decision, the council is asking the public for their views. Anyone who would like to comment can call 01908 252696, e-mail budget@milton-keynes.gov.uk, or fill in an online survey at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk. Here, MK NEWS highlights some of the proposals and how they will affect you

Transport

ALL lighting on grid roads is set to be turned off, except for 'essential' lighting on junctions and roundabouts, which would save the council almost £400,000.

Public travel concessions are also set to be overhauled, with senior bus passes restricted to the statutory minimum, which means they could only be used for off-peak journeys.

Also, a planned extension of concessions to people aged 19 and under and not in full-time education could be scrapped.

Currently, the council subsidises some bus journeys across the city, particularly at evenings and weekends, but under the new proposals this could be stopped in the areas where there is low passenger take up.

The Christmas Park and Ride service between The Bowl, in Watling Street, and Campbell Park, which runs throughout December via central Milton Keynes, could also be scrapped, saving £130,000.

A further £397,000 could be saved by ending the council's contribution to the Thames Valley Safer Roads Project, which targets roadside enforcement and educates drivers about the dangers and risks involved with a variety of road traffic offences, through inititives like training courses.

Police officers stop drivers who are not wearing a seatbelt as part of the Thames Valley Safer Roads Project which cost £397k

Libraries

Stony Stratford library

AS PREVIOUSLY reported by MK NEWS, Stony Stratford and Woburn Sands libraries could be axed if the proposals are agreed, which would save the council a further £144,000.

Opening hours would be reduced across all libraries by an average of two hours per week. Also as part of the proposals, a new mobile library service could replace the current one in Woburn Sands, the new Westcroft library could be relocated and joint library arrangements between MK and Buckinghamshire County Council could end.

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Children and Young People

Youngsters aged 13 to 19 could miss out

THE Connexions service in Milton Keynes could be restructured, saving the council an extra £1million.

The service, which offers advice to people aged 13 to 19 on subjects including careers, education, relationships and health, could be restructured 'to focus on the most vulnerable rather than being available to everyone of the relevant age'.

The Extended Schools Service could also go. The service offers children's and learning services outside normal school hours and was funded by the Government's Universal Services grant which ends on March 31. Staff in positions funded by this grant have already been put at risk of redundancy.

The Universal Services grant also covers some funding directly to schools, for continuing professional development for teachers. Staff in these posts have also been put at risk of redundancy.

In the future, schools with particular needs would have to access support from other schools, as is already happening in some instances.

Also at risk of being discontinued is the January Guarantee, a one-off grant provided by the Government which helped provide a place on an Entry to Employment programme for all 16 and 17-year-olds who were not in education, employment or training.

The activities this grant funded would be achieved through other related means.

Savings could be made in The Music Service, which provides instrumental tuition to around 5,000 students, including ending the Wider Opportunities Programme for year three students, in which children have year-long experiences with instruments like guitars and keyboards.

Investment in family support and other social care projects could be reduced, and the School Travel Advice function could be ended.

Others

FEES could be increased at cemeteries and crematoria for burials, cremations and maintenance.

A charge could be introduced at the civic amenity sites for commercial waste and all material brought from outside the borough.

The number of issues of Live MK, the council's monthly magazine, could be reduced and alternative sources of communication sought.

Catering costs, including catering for council members, could be reduced by £170,000.

There is an estimated additional income of £813,000 to be generated from a review of charging for care at home, including the introduction of charges for people in supported living – designed to help disabled people maintain their independence.

The majority of the savings will come from reorganising back office functions like car user and mileage allowances.

New contracts have also been signed by 27 senior council staff that will save £609,000 over four years.

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City MP to speak at gay assembly

THE second annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) General Assembly will take place on Saturday.

Hailed as a success last year, the event, organised by Milton Keynes LGBT group Q:alliance, will welcome keynote speaker Iain Stewart MP, along with a host of other presenters from organisations such as Thames Valley Police, UNISON, Milton Keynes Council, Gay Dads and Gay Mums and Celebr8MK.

There will also be a room with information stalls and refreshments.

Organiser, Q:alliance treasurer, Peter Leeson, said: "We did it last year and I was a bit surprised by the success. At our peak at lunchtime we had more than 100 people.

"Last year we also had a debate and question and answer session between the three main candidates for the general election, which was very successful.

"This is an open event and the speakers have to remain above the table and accessible to everyone.

"If you're interested in the LGBT community this is an opportunity to see who's there, what different organisations are offering, what exists out there and seek out assistance, mingle and network and tell people what you want to see organised and offer assistance wherever you can."

Peter Leeson of Q:alliance at the venue of the LGBT General Assembly

Mr Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, said: "I am looking forward to speaking at the LGBT General Assembly.

"Huge progress has been made in terms of policy and legislation which has made it possible for people to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of discrimination.

"This assembly is a good opportunity to take stock and solicit further views that will inform policy."

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Dig out your old gardening tools

A GARDEN centre will be hosting a tool amnesty in a bid to help community projects.

For the fourth year running, Wyevale Woburn Sands Garden Centre, in Newport Road, will be asking the public to hand in old and broken gardening tools so they can be refurbished by prisoners and given to schools and community groups.

Manager, Dominic Wright, said: "The event is in aid of The Conservation Foundation's Tools Shed programme, which gives free gardening tools, repaired in a number of UK prisons, to schools and community gardens.

"The initiative applies to hand tools, such as trowels, spades, garden forks, hoes, good old-fashioned garden rakes and lawn rakes, but not powered tools."

The tools collected will be repaired at a number of UK prisons as part of the inmates' training and rehabilitation.

The Garden Tool Amnesty will run from Saturday, February 12 to Sunday, February 27.

Anyone who takes in their old gardening tools during the initiative will receive a 20 per cent off voucher for the garden centre.

Emma Gibson, a customer service assistant at Wyevale, where handing in your old gardening tools could get you 20 per cent off your purchases

Olney Chamber of Trade holds first exhibition

AN INAUGURAL business exhibition by Olney Chamber of Trade will be held next week.

The event next Wednesday, from 2-8pm at Bridge House, Olney, is an opportunity for visitors to meet potential customers and find out about the range of businesses in the town and surrounding area.

Entry is free, with the chance to talk to exhibitors, attend workshops providing ideas for business development and expand contact networks.

Samantha Tomlin, one of the exhibition organisers, said: "If you are a local business and would like to attend as an exhibitor, sponsor the event and/or present a workshop, we would like to hear from you.

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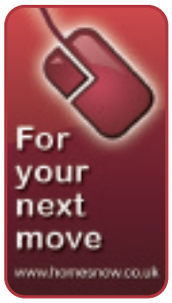

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Businesses to benefit as law firms merge

A NEW law firm with nearly 400 staff and a £20million-plus turnover will be created in an imminent merger.

The partners of law firms Borneo's, based in Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell and Bedford, and Harvey Ingram, which has offices across the Midlands, have agreed in principle to merge their businesses and the move is due to be completed on Monday.

The new law firm will be based at five sites spanning the Midlands and Home Counties.

No jobs will be lost or offices closed as a result of the merger, which has been described as a strategic and positive move for both businesses and their respective clients.

The new firm will build on the existing strengths of Borneo's and Harvey Ingram, which include a full range of business and personal legal services, with a particular emphasis on helping business owners to manage, protect and grow both their corporate and personal wealth.

Stephen Holmes, Borneo's chief executive, said: "The merger will enable us to invest even more heavily in delivering high quality, value-for-money legal services across an extended geographic region."

Merger: Stephen Holmes and Simon Astill

Harvey Ingram managing partner, Simon Astill, added: "The two firms are a superb fit thanks to their complementary services and client service commitment. Over time, the merger will help us to create new opportunities for both our clients and our staff."

The new firm will trade under the names of Harvey Ingram Borneo's in Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell and Bedford and Harvey Ingram in Leicester and Birmingham.

Women invited to be their own boss

LADIES have you ever thought about becoming your own boss?

On Wednesday Women in Management (WiM) and MK and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce will look at opportunities for setting up your own company.

The event 'Managing directly-becoming your own boss' at Acorn House, Midsummer Boulevard, will look at the unique way Milton Keynes can exploit the economic recovery and help prepare you to back your own big idea and set up on your own.

Keynote speaker will be Rita Spada, chief executive of the chamber, who is also responsible for its Small Business Advisory Services.

The evening will also explain the business cycle, showcase other local female business owners, show what starter business support exists in the city and offer appointments for follow-up advice sessions.

The cost of the event is £22 (£18 for WiM members). For further details contact www.mk-chamber.co.uk, or www.managers.org.uk/wim.

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Only a fortunate few will scoop the jackpot but that doesn't have to be the end of dreams. Dreams can be aspirational.

Why shouldn't you have things you dream of?

It might just be that you are not able to have everything that you want exactly when you want it.

How do you go about chasing your dreams?

Planning is everything. Be realistic and set yourself goals and targets (most tend to relate to saving money) en route to fulfilling the ultimate dream.

The obvious advice is to cut out life's little luxuries. Instead of popping in to Starbucks for that skinny vanilla latte once a week why not put that money to one side?

If you kick your coffee shop habit you could save yourself money each month which would go nicely towards that holiday fund.

Another way to save the pennies (and the pounds will save themselves) is to take a shopping list every where you go.

If you stick to the list it will cut any impulse buying and soon you will be able to live the dream by wandering around in a robe being pampered and drinking champagne - even if it is only for the one day at a five-star spa retreat.

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Career

What People Want

The job market is a daunting place at the moment.

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But never fear - finding your perfect job, or even just making it onto the next rung in the ladder, can be achieved with a little bit of elbow grease combined with a lot of salesmanship.

Play the numbers game. If you're currently looking for a job then don't be afraid to spread yourself around.

There are loads of recruitment agencies out there, some specialist and some not, so print off dozens of CVs and try to personally visit each one.

Once you are on their system they will start matching your skills, but don't leave it to fate. Keep harrassing the recruitment agents, make sure they know your face and remember your name so you are the first person they think of when they have a new position to fill.

But companies always appreciate the personal approach. If you want a specialist job and have some companies in mind, go and knock on their door. Try and find out who the person in charge is and hand your CV to them face-to-face.

Or, if it has to be left with the front desk, find an e-mail address or telephone number for the right person and ask the next day whether they got your resume.

This will get you noticed, and even if they don't have a job available, yours will be the first name on the list when they do.

And when it comes to the all-important interview, don't stress. Loads of people find interviews unnerving and scary, but they're not.

Tell yourself, if you don't get this one, it doesn't matter because there will be plenty more opportunities, whether you believe it or not. It's amazing where a bit of positive thinking will get you.

Dress for success. Gents, a black or dark blue suit with a plain white shirt and red tie projects confidence, professionalism and an 'I know what I'm doing' attitude. Ladies, the same colour trouser suit with a plain white blouse will do the trick.

Always introduce yourself with a firm hand shake, and make sure to do your research on the company first. Don't just read the website, have a look at customer reviews, ensure you know what products and services the company offers.

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Making a shopping list will help you save money. Yes, it's true!

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Making a shopping list will help you save money. Yes, it's true!

Organising your meals beforehand and buying the right ingredients saves you not only money but time too.

Spend your savings on a trip to the cinema, or a night down the pub instead.

Once you find the money piling up try investing it and enjoy that much sought-after sense of security.

Either that or blow it all on something you have always, secretly, wanted.

There *is* such thing as a free lunch!

We're all looking for ways to save money at the moment and one easy way to save up to £25 a week is by taking packed lunches instead of buying lunch at work or school.

Packed lunches don't have to be boring - forget limp ham sandwiches and imagine instead chicken and pesto wraps, filling pasta salad or a slice of homemade banana loaf.

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Never underestimate the importance of family.

It defines who we are and enables us to feel a sense of belonging. It's a source of comfort, support, warmth, security and protection and helps us to make sense of the world around us.

Within the family unit, each member has their own individual aspirations in addition to being part of the collective. Each member should be made to feel unique and special and encouraged to follow their goals and dreams.

But let's be honest, it's not like The Waltons. It's understandable that families quarrel and sometimes experience conflict.

The important thing is that each member should feel that they can express their opinions openly and that their voice is as important as any other family member's.

But when it comes to it, the lynchpin of the whole set-up is mum and dad - the cement that keeps it all together. You are also the grown-ups in this situation so try and leave the kicking, screaming and tantrums to the toddlers. Stay cool, stay calm and connect with your other half.

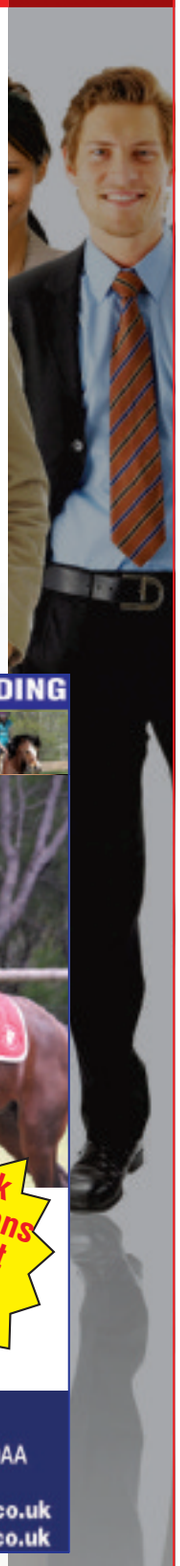
And remember, laughter is the best medicine. Spend more quality time with your kids having fun. The family that plays together, stays together.

However trying kids may be at times, you know you wouldn't be without them. Your kids may be a responsibility but they are also a blessing. Treasure them, they are only young for a such a short time. Be sure to tell them you love them and to let them know they have your support.

There's no use in pandering to their every need, but a child needs to be sure they have their parents there not only as a piggy bank and a source of food, but also as a friend who they can turn to. Some families will thrive more than others.

Some families fail in their objectives. Some families get on and are very close, some families lose touch, but regardless of the nature of your relationship with your family members, it's hard not to appreciate the important part that have played in shaping our lives.

For those of us fortunate to have been part of a loving, caring and supportive family unit, it provides us with a solid example when it comes to bringing up our own family.



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What People Want

Home

They say the home is where the heart is, and it's true.

Houses have atmospheres. They radiate the mood and character of the family who lives there. You can tell as soon as you enter someone's house if it feels warm, open and inviting; or stiff and uncomfortable.

It doesn't matter how perfect your furniture is or how clean you keep your carpet. Furnishings and material possessions can never make up for an inviting home.

So, here are five ways that you can turn your house into that warm and loving home you desire.

1. Maintain an open door policy: Make your house inviting to family and friends by letting them know they are welcome.
   Encourage them to stop by to say hello or to visit you for a few minutes. Let them know you value them.
   A closed home is a lonely home.

2. Fill your home with aromas: Scented candles are a great way to create a calm atmosphere and a warmness, especially in the colder months.
   During the day however, try flowers - they brighten the house and leave a fresh, lively smell.

3. Hold a consistent family dinner hour: Make sure your family sits together at the table for dinner each night (or at least regularly) so that you can share together, laugh and bond.
   It doesn't matter what else is going on in the world if you can all connect as one family unit each day. This will also give the children an opportunity to share - which, in the age of electronics and social networking sites, is often underrated.

4. Keep your home tidy but let it be lived in: It's a great thing to be organised and to take pride in your home. In fact, your family will benefit from these traits. But it's just as important to not let that organisation run your life.
   If a home is so immaculate that everyone is afraid to relax, what good does that do anyone? It is important to try and maintain that balance.

5. Slow down: Fast-paced lives are the biggest thieves of family time these days.
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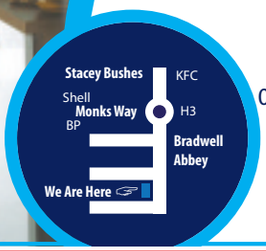

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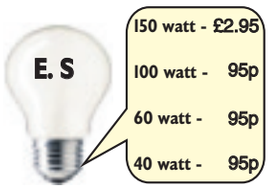

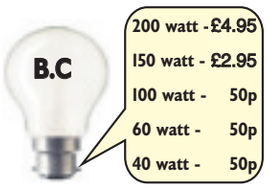

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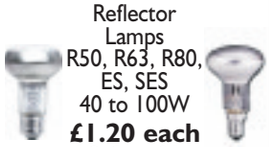
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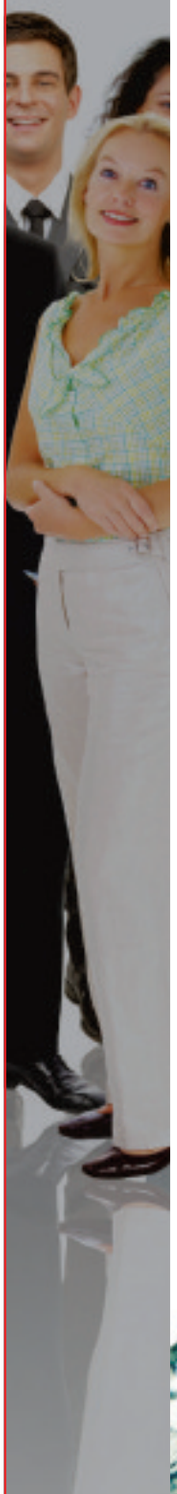


Author Martin Buxbaum once said 'some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty - they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.'

There are far more important things in life than looking the way which society brands as 'beautiful'.

In this day and age people have become obsessed with perfection and youth.

It was once said that a smiling face can be nothing but beautiful, and there are far more aspects to a person which makes them attractive than their waist and bust measurements.

When did you last do something for someone that you didn't have to do but in doing it, you helped them to feel better?

When did you last smile at someone you didn't know and say good morning?

When did you last give someone your time when it would have been so easy just to hurry on by?

Do you have to be a size zero to do that?

Is it necessary to have your face plastered all over the papers to say that?

Would you have to be a millionaire to have given that?

Sure, we'd all like to change something about our bodies - yes, I bet even Kate Moss or Brad Pitt is not wholly satisfied with their gorgeous lot in life - and there's nothing to stop us from doing it.

You don't have to stump up a fortune to lose weight, get fit or change your dress sense. And just because you've heard it all before, it doesn't mean that it's not true.

Get up that bit earlier and go for a trot round the park.

Eat fewer burgers and chips. Think before you put on the day-glo pink shell-suit.

Take a deep breath and smile. It's not rocket science - it's not even GCSE biology.

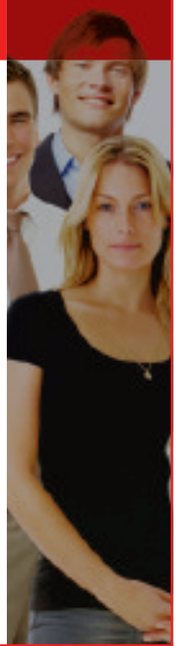
If you stop thinking about yourself and take a moment to consider someone else you WILL be beautiful - in the eye of the beholder and anyone else for that matter.

You are something better than the sum of all your flawed parts if you will let yourself be.

Hobbies

What People Want

Learn a new skill and just have a plain good time



If you want to inject some excitement into your life, taking up a new hobby is a great way to get inspired.

Hobbies are excellent ways to make you feel fulfilled and they can also be a brilliant way of making friends and coming into contact with people who have similar interests.

If an obvious hobby doesn't spring to mind, sit down and think about what interests you and how you could get more involved. For example, love watching Wimbledon on TV?

Join a local tennis league. Love reading? Join a book club. Love music? Buy some decks and learn how to mix.

If you've ever wanted to try rock-climbing, mountain biking, skiing or painting, it's never too late.

There are now more opportunities than ever before to broaden your knowledge, learn a new skill and just have a plain good time doing something for yourself.

It could even help you get a better job. It could be knitting or plastering, playing chess or learning new IT skills.

It could be making that effort to learn a language so that next time you go on holiday to France or Spain you can do more than just grunt, shout loudly in English or wave your arms about when you want to know the way to the station.

This could be the decision to take up badminton, ball-room dancing or playing the banjo.

Learning a new skill brings with it a self-confidence and self-reliance that comes with mastering a challenge.

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Social Life

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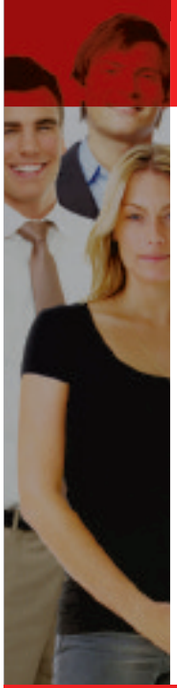

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once. So when you consider you spend more time at work than anywhere else, it's important to make the most of the your free time.

It's safe to say that one of the most important aspects of our lives is our relationships with other people, be it family of friends.

Unfortunately, meeting people and having an active social life is something which many people struggle with, but it can be completely within your control.

One of the main reasons people struggle to have the social life that they desire is because the fear of rejection is constantly on their mind.

But here's the thing, everyone is insecure. Yes, some are more insecure than others but everyone has their faults. Don't waste a second of your time thinking you're not good enough.

When you focus your attention on what you lack, you can't see what you currently have. Realise that no-one is perfect. No-one has everything figured out. Remember not everyone is going to like you, and accept it. Embrace your differences and rise above the fear of rejection.

Focus on quality not quantity. Would you rather have a large circle of acquaintances or a small group of close friends?

The latter is surely the better option.

Many people believe having a ton of friends will lead to an amazing social life, which isn't always true.

While it's certainly possible to have a large group of friends who you share a wonderful connection with, true intimacy generally occurs in small numbers.

And remember, the key to long lasting friendships is care and trust. It's important to make a conscious effort to be as understanding and compassionate as possible. Genuinely care about the connection you're creating.

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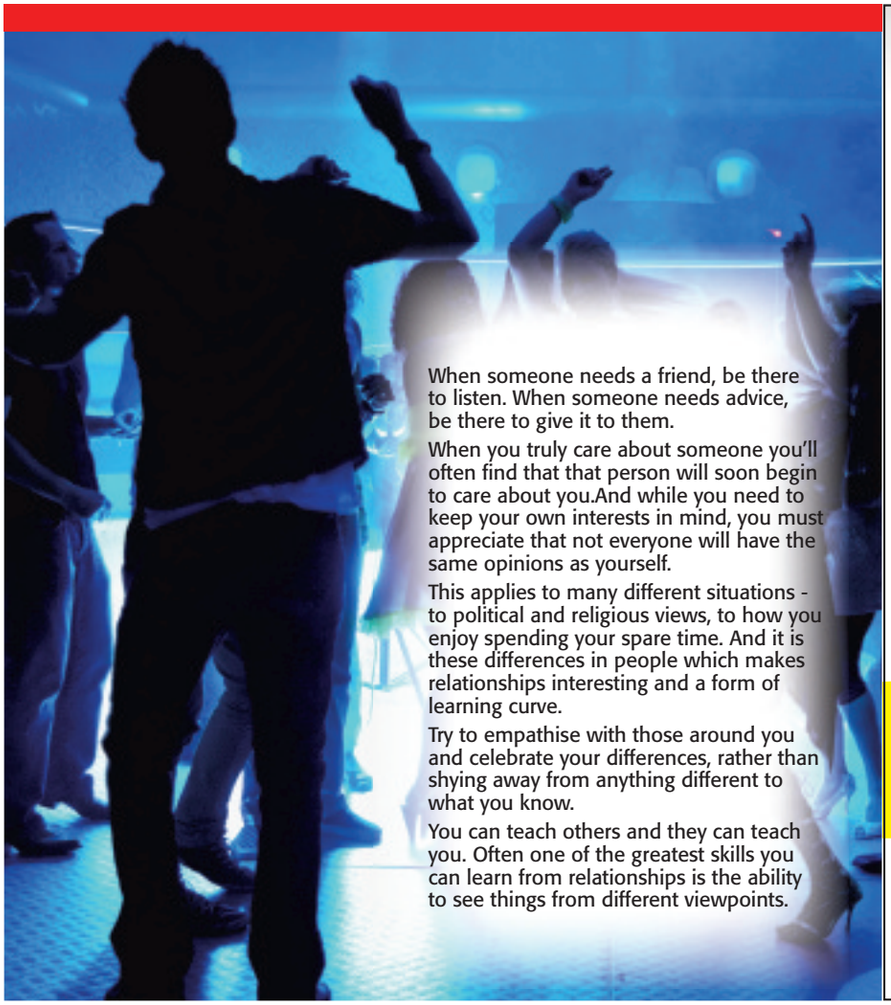

When someone needs a friend, be there to listen. When someone needs advice, be there to give it to them.

When you truly care about someone you'll often find that that person will soon begin to care about you.And while you need to keep your own interests in mind, you must appreciate that not everyone will have the same opinions as yourself.

This applies to many different situations - to political and religious views, to how you enjoy spending your spare time. And it is these differences in people which makes relationships interesting and a form of learning curve.

Try to empathise with those around you and celebrate your differences, rather than shying away from anything different to what you know.

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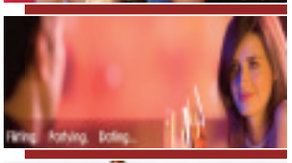

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This is possibly as far removed from Hero as Mr Iglesias could possibly have got, aside from maybe covering Teletubbies Say Eh-Oh.
Anyway, it features Enrique singing sweet nothings to a lady he's just met.
Yes I know, AGAIN. That boy never stops. Anyway, after all these years of singing poetic love songs, he appears to have got bored and now wants to cut to the chase.
How so? Well, let's put it this way; the proper non-radio-friendly version uses a somewhat more forthright word than 'Lovin'.
That phrase becomes the entire chorus, repeated over and over again over a happy beat and swirly keyboard riffs.
Such eloquence, it brings a tear to the eye.
See, the thing is though, this actually isn't a bad tune. I know, I can't believe I just typed that either, but there you have it.
It's a bit bloomin' cheeky, especially the chorus, but it actually makes a nice change to hear someone lay out their plans in four words rather than disguising it with flowery wordplay as is usually the way.
Mind you, if he actually used this as a chat-up line in real life I doubt he'd be entirely successful.

PUT YOUR HANDS UP
Nadine Coyle

WHEN I hear somebody utter the phrase 'put your hands up' I'm either going to expect an all-out club stomper with a beat that won't stop until the break of dawn, or I'm about to get robbed.
What I wouldn't expect is a song that might've been good enough to pad out a Girls Aloud album to the required number of tracks.
Let's be frank here, this even sounds like a Nadine Coyle album track.
It motors along efficiently enough, but it's got a definite 'we need one more song to finish the album/what about this one? it's not quite finished, but-/are the vocals finished?/yes, but-/that'll do. Just don't make it the last track, that'll give the game away' sound to it.
It's one of those songs that'll be a hit in the Guinness British Hit Singles sense of the word, but not in the Girls Aloud sense of the word; the odd thing is that, despite its lacklustre meanderings, it's actually better than Insatiable was.

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ALL the greatest musical stars of the 50s and 60s come alive in this spectacular, vibrant, non-stop rockin' show. Relive the best-loved hits of Eddie Cochran, Buddy Holly, Brenda Lee, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Connie Francis, Duane Eddy, Bill Haley and many more as you take a nostalgic trip back in time to the greatest era of rock 'n' roll.
Tickets £16.50

LARRY MILLER
Friday, January 28, 8pm
LARRY Miller is fast becoming the must see bluesrock act. With his energetic style, he is famous for rip-roaring shows. He will be playing songs from his acclaimed new album Unfinished Business as well live favourites. If you like Rory Gallagher, Joe Bonamassa, Gary Moore, Walter Trout, Hendrix or The Hamsters, you'll love Larry's guitar pyrotechnics.
Tickets £13.50

DANIELA BOVE
Friday, January 28, 8.45pm.
THE M1 Music Night series features up-and-coming artists from around the area. This week Daniela Bove is set to light up Stage 2 with her full band The Belongings. Catch them while you can for a night of ethereal folk-driven bliss.
Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door

MAGAZINE GAP
Saturday, January 29, 8pm
MAGAZINE Gap are a live sensation make up of musicians from different traditional fields. The members share a singular vision and passion for exploring musical genres within an overall consistent and distinct sound. They challenge and delight with songs in slightly different directions, while balancing classic and contemporary sounds to create something fresh and yet timeless.
Tickets £12.50

THREE BONZOS AND A PIANO
Sunday, January 30, 8pm
BONZO Dog Doo Dah Band fans will be delighted to learn that Roger Ruskin Spear, Rodney Slater and Sam Spoons have teamed up with super-pianist Dave Glasson to create the spirit of the ageless band. Born in a distant art school somewhere in the 60s, they unleash their Bonzo Dog classics with energetic zip.
Tickets £17.50

MARTY STUART & HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES
Monday, January 31, 8pm
Marty Stuart started singing gospel as a child and did six years with Johnny Cash in the 80s.
In the 90s he came up with the smash 'hillbilly rock hits' and now the four time Grammy-winner, Grand Ole Opry star, songwriter and leader of the The Fabulous Superlatives tours with his new album Ghost Train.
Tickets £25

THE DANISH QUARTET
Wednesday, February 2, 8pm (pre-concert talk 7pm).
THIS young Danish string quartet is renowned for its fresh approach to well-known repertoire. They perform Mozart's Dissonance Quartet, which takes its nickname from the tense harmonies that open the piece. The energetic and dramatic Quartet in G minor is considered to be the milestone at which Nielsen reached his prime as a string quartet composer.
Tickets £12.50 and £17.50, students £5, family of four £30 and £40

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MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS

Wednesday-Saturday, February 2-5

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The world's most famous circus collides with the legendary Russian folklore figure Rasputin to create a show that combines contemporary and classical circus at its very best.

Rasputin was often described as a romantic, a mystic and a visionary, words that could easily be used to describe this new spectacle.

The newly devised show includes Gregory's Girls suspended in mid-air on floating silks, unbelievable Human Statues, body twisting contortionists, award-winning clowns, Valik and Valerik, amazing acrobats and the unbelievable crossbow act of The Popazovs, in which you will see a wife shoot an apple off her husband's head from seven simultaneous crossbows.

The show is hosted by Andre Voronin as Rasputin.

HUNGRY HORSES

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friday and Saturday, January 28-29

THE Broughton and Tawny Owl pubs are throwing a birthday party for their horse mascot this week, and everyone is invited.

The Hungry Horse pub chain will celebrate 17 years in business, at the same time as marking the birthday of the pub's trademark mascot Super Horse, so staff will be hosting fun-filled events for all the community.

Managers Mark Fitzsimon, of The Broughton, and Alex Shaw, of The Tawny Owl, have organised events including a fancy dress party, Karaoke, Rock'n'Roll Bingo and more family fun.

As all Hungry Horse pubs provide a family-friendly atmosphere, there will be plenty of soft drinks, food and entertainment for the birthday horse and younger guests, as well as celebratory alcoholic tipples available for those who are of age to enjoy.

Mark and Alex said: "A good pub is at the heart of the local community and loyal customers are the backbone of our business. We are always looking for reasons to get everyone together for some fun, and what better excuse for a party is there than a birthday? We hope customers, both old and new, come and join in."

■ For more information, contact Mark Fitzsimon on 01908 667726, or 6418@greeneking.co.uk, or Alex Shaw on 01908 232490, or 5135@greeneking.co.uk

FAMILY LIFE

VOLUNTEER with the BTCV, an international charity, to turn the woodlands, parks and other green spaces into even more pleasant areas for residents and safe havens for wildlife.

It is running a number of family projects and events throughout the spring for its Railway Walk Experience, to preserve and enhance the five kilometre-long Milton Keynes Railway Walk, which runs from Wolverton to Newport Pagnell.

On Friday, join the group's path reconstruction session from 10.30am to 3pm. Only for those aged 18 plus, take a packed lunch and join in to add more matting and mulch to the small circular path in a little woodland. Meet at Sheppards Close, Newport Pagnell.

On Saturday, from 10.30am to 3pm, help to make a wildlife corridor by planting hedges and creating benches. Again for those aged 18 plus, meet at Sheppards Close, Newport Pagnell.

On Sunday, all the family can go along to build bird boxes in the morning and hang them in the afternoon. From 10.30am-12.30pm and 1-3pm, take a packed lunch if you are staying all day. Meet at Stantonbury Parish Office, Bradville.

For more details, visit www.btcv.org/southeastwestcentral, call 01296 330033 or 07801 686027, or e-mail rwe@btcv.org.uk.

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Saturday, January 29.

O'CASAN are inspired by many different artists. Can you imagine if you put the likes of ELO, Muse and the RHCP into a big melting pot it might create something pretty exciting.

Their debut album, Ricochet, was recorded last year during the winter blizzards at the legendary Monnow Valley and Longwave with top rock producer Romesh Dodangoda. It is full of classic pop tales fizzing with energy about girls, fools and dreams.

Their name, pronounced Oh-Ka-San is an old clan name. The members have Celtic roots.

Tickets £4. Doors 7.30pm, 16-plus.

TUBELORD

Tuesday, February 1.

FORMED in 2006, Tubelord consists of lead singer and guitarist Joseph Prendergast, backing vocalist and drummer David Catmur, bassist Tom Coulson-Smith and keyboardist and sampler James Eliot-Field.

Their sound has been described as 'pop songs for Rock Kids' and is characterised by their carefully balanced mixture of heavy abrasive instrumentation with significant melodic pop sensibilities which are brought together in simple but constantly progressing song structure which incorporates very raw, at times dissonant, rock instrumentation and odd time signatures.

Tickets £5. Doors 7.30pm, 16-plus.

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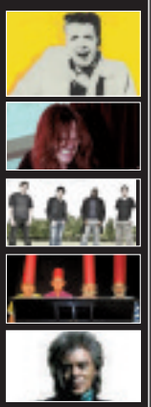

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Jason Statham, Ben Foster, Donald Sutherland

From Friday

ARTHUR Bishop is a dangerous man,a mechanic, an elite hitman. When his friend and mentor Harry is murdered, Bishop has a new mission, to take down those responsible. But Harry's son Steve wants to learn Bishop's craft and he reluctantly agrees out of loyalty to Harry.

TANGLED – 3D

Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy

From Friday

PRINCESS Rapunzel, a teen with 70ft of enchanted blonde hair, has been imprisoned for years in a tower by the evil witch Gothel. When charming thief Flynn takes refuge in the tower, she sees her chance to return to the kingdom from which she was snatched as a child.

HOW DO YOU KNOW

Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd, Owen Wilson, Jack Nicholson

From Friday

LISA'S boyfriend, professional baseball player Manny, seems prepared to give her everything, but then there's George, a down-on-his-luck businessman under Federal investigation. Who will Lisa choose?

HEREAFTER

Matt Damon, Cecile De France, Bryce Dallas Howard

From Friday

GEORGE has a special gift allowing him to commune with the dead. In France journalist Marie has a near-death experience that totally alters her outlook, while in London a boy seeks meaning after losing the person he loves the most. Director Clint Eastwood steps into the supernatural realm of three people haunted by death and mortality.

Ben Foster in The Mechanic

BARNEY'S VERSION

Paul Giamatti, Dustin Hoffman, Rosamund Pike

From Friday

BARNEY is an entrepreneur, romantic and suspected murderer. After years of happy, and sometimes not-so-happy marriage, his sworn enemy publishes a book containing some of Barney's shadier dealings. Now Barney tells his side.

MORNING GLORY

Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton

Now showing

YOUNG producer Becky is asked to revive a flagging breakfast TV show. But cranky presenter Mike and diva-esque anchor Colleen begin bickering on air and her love affair has started to go off the boil. Can Becky keep it together?

THE DILEMMA

Vince Vaughn, Kevin James, Jennifer Connelly

From Friday

BACHELOR Ronny and happily married Nick are trying to get their auto design firm off the ground. Then Ronny's girlfriend, Beth sees Nick's wife with another man.

WIN CINEMA TICKETS

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.
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Closing date Tuesday, February 1. Editor's decision final.

DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

HORSE Voices, White Horse, Stony Stratford. Acoustic session with friendly, inviting atmosphere for all styles of music, as long as you don't need electricity. Starts 8.30pm.

FRIDAY

ALPHABET Soup at the White Horse, Stony Stratford. A gig and a quiz all in one bowl. The band plays 26 songs, each representing one letter of the alphabet, and you write down the artist and the name of the tune. The winner receives a bottle of champagne. Quiz entry is £2 per person. 8.30pm.

FOX and Hounds, Stony Stratford. The High Wires bring you an assortment of 60s classics through to some modern day favourites.

SATURDAY

NUTTY About Nature's short course for adults in woodcraft skills. Learn to make whistles, light fires and make tools. Park in car park off Wickstead Avenue, Grange Farm. Hazeley Wood, Milton Keynes. 9.30am-3.30pm. £10 per person. Contact The Parks Trust on 01908 233600 or visit www.theparkstrust.com.

TOP Banana - covers band. Free entry. 9pm. White Horse, Stony Stratford. Call 01908 567082 or visit www.rockinghorsenights.com.

SUNDAY

LIN'S Bar, Woughton Leisure Centre, Leadenhall. Lunchtime music with singer guitarist Craig, totally unplugged. 1-4pm, free entry, families welcome.

TUESDAY

FOX and Hounds, Stony Stratford. Tuesday night is jazz night with Treavor Jeavons and friends. A truly memorable evening of musical magic embrace yourself in pure excellence.

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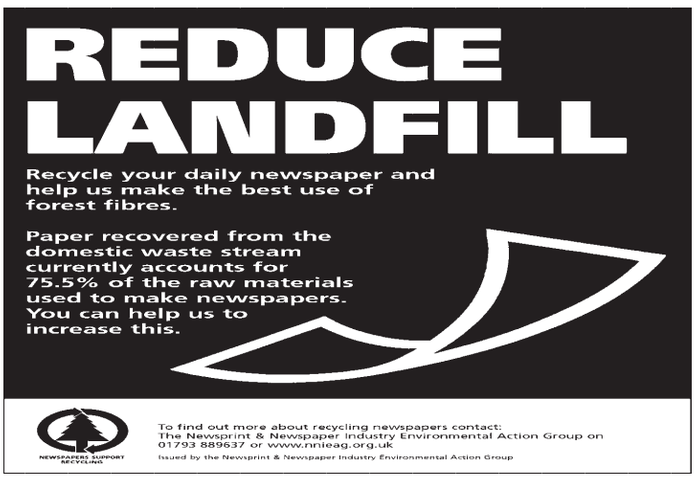

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RED CARD COMEDY CLUB

Friday, January 28. 8.45pm

KICK 2011 off with a laugh and join the Red Card Comedy Club for their first show of the new year.

The club is rapidly building a reputation as a top night out in the city and it's easy to see why, as another three great acts plus one hilarious MC have you rolling with laughter in the stylish surrounds of The Clydesdale Bank Ballroom.

On this month's bill is the highly accomplished Hal Cruttenden with his personal observations, enthusiastic and likeable Tiernan Douieb, unique and unfailingly funnyman Henry Paker, plus the brilliant compere that is the quick-thinking, cheeky chappie David Ward.

Tickets are £11 in advance or £13 on the door. Tickets that include dinner are £21 for the show and a two-course meal, or £16.50 for one course.

Pre booking tickets also gives guests the benefit of a reserved table not too close to the front.

To book, or for further information, call 0845 45 45 045.

LITERARY FESTIVAL

STONYWORDS!7

Saturday, January 29 until Wednesday, February 2

THE StonyWords!7 festival of literary stuff is back for its seventh year, with its usual hearty mix of poetry, authors, talks, quizzes, haggis and neeps.

On Saturday church members from St Mary and St Giles will be reading and performing some Dramatic Acts, the true story of bravery and faith at the dawn of Christianity, through dramatic readings of the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 1-15.

Following on from last year's success of the reading from the gospel of St Mark the group of 14 churchgoers will be assisted by the use of overhead projectors and the odd bit of acting. Readings start at 2pm at the parish church.

On Sunday there will be a Scala Film Club special for StonyWords!7. It will show Bright Star, which tells the tale of John Keats and Fanny Brawne, the love of his short life.

Tickets costing £5 (£3 concessions) are available from Cock Hotel or Well Past It in Timor Court. Alternatively reserve tickets by e-mailing stonyscalafilm@aol.com. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

On Monday evening you can learn about the pirates of the Barbary Coast at the Cock Hotel as author Adrian Tinniswood returns to talk about his latest book The Pirates of Barbary.

The festival is put together by The Cock & Bull Society. To find out more information about the group, visit www.cockandbull.org.uk.

A full list of events can be found on www.stonystratford.gov.uk.

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CLOSING RECEPTION

Tomorrow, 6-7pm

AN EVENING viewing of our latest Project Space Exhibition, Opening Doors – from hurt to hope. An innovative project, using art to increase awareness of domestic abuse issues and to promote respect in relationships.

The project was launched in 2009 when artist Sarah Wright was commissioned to create a door for the project. Following this, community arts charity Inter-Action MK worked with a group of girls to create six doors.

The doors are on display until Sunday.

MILTON KEYNES FILM MAKERS NETWORK SHORTS

Tomorrow, 6.30pm

A SHOWING of a selection of short films by local filmmakers.

The event will be introduced by Tim Searle, director of animation at Baby Cow Productions and is an opportunity to see what filmmakers in MK have been up to.

FAMILY ADVISORY SESSION

MK Gallery's Learning Team is establishing an advisory group to support the planning and development of its Family Programme. They want to hear from all types of family from the area.

An opportunity to work directly with the Learning Team and feed in ideas for future provisions. For further information contact Victoria Mayes on vmayes@mkgallery.org.

LIVE GUIDES

Saturday, 1-3pm

YOUR chance to have an informal chat about the current exhibition, Gerard Byrne: Towards a Gestalt Image - Loch Ness & Fact.

THE GROVE THEATRE

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Wednesday-Saturday, February 2-5, 7.30pm

COMMUNITY theatre group Luton Light makes its debut at the Grove with this MGM classic, which charts the thrills and spills as Monumental Pictures embarks on its first 'talkie', The Duelling Cavalier.

With fantastic dance numbers and a vintage score, including such favourites as Make 'Em Laugh, Moses Supposes, You Are My Lucky Star, Good Morning and the torrential title number Singin' In The Rain, this is 24-carat entertainment.

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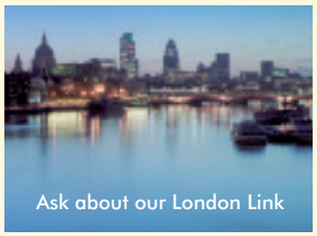

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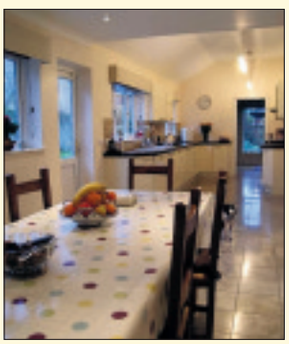
Shenley Church End — £725,000



• Six Bedroom Detached Property • Five/Six Reception Rooms
• 35ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Three Bathrooms
• Wrap Around Gardens • Ample Off Road Parking
• Detached Oversize Double Garage
• Viewing Recommendeds

Hartwell — £625,000

• Glorious Character Home • Approximately 1/3 Acre Plot
• Four Bedrooms • Ensuite to Master
• Large Private Rear Garden • Electric Gated Access
• Ample Off Road Parking • Offers Many Charming Features

Furzton — £600,000

• An impressive five bedroom detached residence
• Benefiting from an elevated position looking down onto Furzton Lake.
• The standard of the property's decorative order is excellent throughout. • Offering extensive off road parking.
• Detached double garage. • Four receptions. • Five bedrooms. • Three en-suites and family bathroom.
• This imposing property must be viewed early to avoid disappointment.

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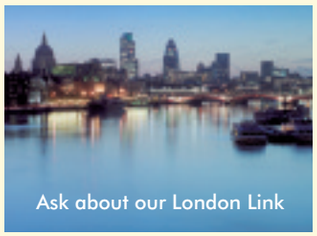

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Oxley Park £425,000

• Immaculately Presented • Beautifully Located
• Overlooking the North Bucks Way
• Four Bedrooms • Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Gardens • Ample Off Road Parking
• Viewing Highly Recommended

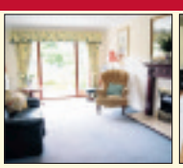
Crownhill £350,000

• Five Double Bedroom • Detached Property
• Three Reception Rooms • Three Bathrooms
• Front & Rear Gardens • Parking & Double Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Kingsmead £435,000

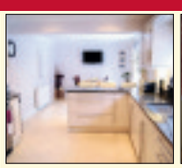
• Beautifully Presented
• Five Double Bedroom
• Executive Detached
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Bfast/Family Room
• Three En Suites
• Double Garage
• No Upper Chain

Furzton Lake £435,000



• A beautifully presented five bedroom detached executive residence
• Situated in a sought after cul-de-sac close in the popular Furzton Lake.
• 19ft kitchen/breakfast
• En suite to master bedroom
• Generous private driveway
• Glorious landscaped gardens to both front and rear
• Double garage

Two Mile Ash £395,000



• 5 Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Lounge
• Study
• Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
• Utility Room
• Dressing Room & Ensuite
• Gardens
• Detached Double Garage

Broughton Village £610,000

• A unique bungalow
• The property has been sympathetically extended
• Impressive lounge
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Three bedrooms with three en suites
• Study/bedroom four
• Beautiful gardens

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WANTED!
3 beds in Loughton.

Can you help?

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WANTED!
2/3 beds in Emerson Valley.

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Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Medbourne £169,950

- Three bedroom property
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage

Netherfield OIEO £110,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking

Coffee Hall £144,995

- Semi Detached
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens & Garage

Milton Keynes £210,000

- Much Converted
- Townhouse
- Flexible Accommodation
- Over Three Floors
- Self Contained Apartment
- Garden and Parking

Coffee Hall £132,995

- Three Bedrooms
- End of Terrace
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bradwell £199,995

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Kents Hill £189,995

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Broughton £165,000

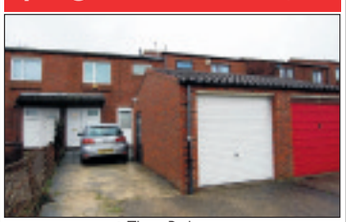
- Very Well Presented
- Two Double Bedroom
- Apartment
- Double Glazing
- En Suite to Master
- Viewing Recommended

Grange Farm £220,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite to Master
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Garage

Eaglestone £139,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Springfield £149,995


- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Garden
- Garage & Parking

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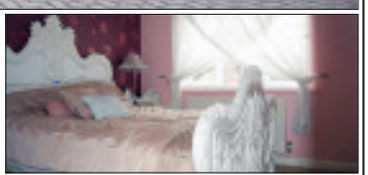
Bolbeck Park £239,995

• Extremely Well Presented
• Three/Four Bedroom • Semi Detached
• Refitted Kitchen • En Suite to Master
• Off Road Parking • Rear Garden

Blakelands £249,995

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Detached Property • Sought After Location
• Conservatory • En Suite To Master
• Garage and Gardens

Bradwell Common £299,995



• Extremely Well Presented
• Four Bedroom • Detached Property
• Three Reception Rooms • En Suite to Master
• Parking & Garage • Rear Garden

Stantonbury Fields £174,995

• Much Improved • Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• En Suite to Master
• Front & Rear Gardens • Parking & Garage

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Wolverton £145,000

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Mid Terraced Property
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Bathroom
• Rear Garden
• No Upper Chain

Wolverton Guide Price £150,000

• Three Bedroom
• Mid Terrace
• Double Glazing
• Two Reception Rooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• Cellar and Shower Room
• No Upper Chain

Wanted Bungalows in Stony Stratford for waiting buyers

Wicken £270,000

• 1950's Style Property
• Semi Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Conservatory
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway and Garage

New Bradwell £174,995

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Double Cellar
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Utility Room
• Refitted Family Bathroom
• Garden

Wolverton £159,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Two Reception Room
• Kitchen
• Utility Room
• Bathroom
• Garden

Stony Stratford £210,000

• Well Presented
• Three Bedrooms
• Victorian Style
• Terraced Home
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Cloakroom
• Off Road Parking

Hanslope £210,000

• Well Presented
• End of Terrace
• Three Bedrooms
• Views onto Countryside
• Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
• Rear Garden

Wolverton Guide £174,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Victorian Property
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Cellarette
• Refitted Bathroom
• Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

Wolverton £150,000

• Terraced House
• Two/Three Bedrooms
• Two/Three Reception Rooms
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Utility Area
• Garden

Two Mile Ash £65,000

• Terraced House
• One Bedroom
• Refitted Bathroom
• Off Road Parking
• Garden
• 50% Shared Ownership

Stony Stratford Guide £184,995

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Victorian Style Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Double Glazing
• Rear Garden

Wolverton Guide £164,995

• Well Presented
• Three Bedroom
• Victorian Terrace
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing (where specified)
• Viewing Recommended

Wolverton Guide £165,000

• Three Bedroom Victorian Terrace
• Lounge/Dining Room
• Re-Fitted Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden
• Garage

Fullers Slade £220,000

• Five Bedroom
• Spacious Detached Property
• Double Glazing
• Two Reception Rooms
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking
• Garage

Stony Stratford £165,000

• Extended semi detached
• Three bedrooms
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Kitchen/diner
• Lounge and family room
• Gardens to front and rear

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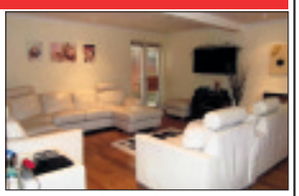
House of The Week £279,995



- Extended Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Cloakroom
- En Suite & Dressing Room to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Saints £184,995

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens

Bletchley £37,500

- 61 ft narrow boat
- Lounge area
- Kitchen area
- Bedroom and bathroom area
- Air conditioning
- Gas heating and solar panels

Cottingham Grove £235,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £142,000

- Mid terraced home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage in block

Counties £159,950

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden

Scotts Estate £140,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Public Notice £120,000

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We have recieved an offer of £100,000 on the above property.

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Rivers OIEO £140,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Garage

Scotts OIEO £110,000

- Well Presented
- One Double Bedroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain

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Three bedrooms properties on the Racecourses for waiting buyers. Please call for a free market appraisal on 01908 370861 NOW!

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Emerson Valley £155,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

FINDER SERVICE

Urgently Required
A three bedroom detached property in Tattenhoe for Mr and Mrs S
Can you help?
Please call
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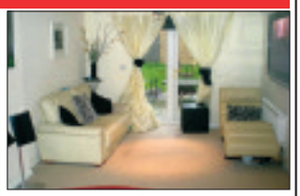
Shenley Lodge £150,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Kingsmead Guide Price £290,000



- Well Presented
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Carport and Garage

Tattenhoe £239,995

- Very Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Tattenhoe £150,950

- Two Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

Oxley Park Guide Price £330,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Ensuites
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

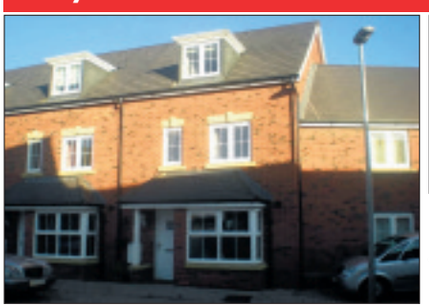
Crownhill Offers IEO £165,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

Medbourne £195,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Executive Apartment
- Living Room
- Master Bedroom with En suite
- Family bathroom
- Driveway to single Garage

Oxley Park £235,000



- Four bedroom property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

Westcroft Guide Price £220,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Single Garage

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Newport Pagnell £225,000

- Extended Three Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Conservatory
- Study
- Dressing Room and En Suite
- Garage and Garden
- Sought After Location

Bozeat £285,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Recently Refurbished
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens
- Driveway

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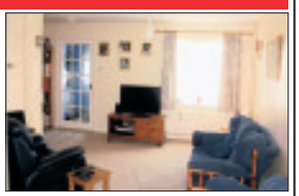
Mr Mrs L are currently looking for a four bedroom property in Emberton. Can you help? Please call 01234 713333

Newport Pagnell £235,000



- Four/Five Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden

Bozeat Guide Price £299,995

- Detached family home
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- En suite to master bedroom
- First floor study
- Detached double garage
- Gardens and off road parking

East Street Guide Price £150,000

- Character Property
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Refitted Bathroom
- Courtyard Style Garden
- Two Brick Outbuildings

Newport Pagnell £325,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Outbuilding
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Bozeat £325,000

- Stone built character cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking

Olney £99,995

- One Bedroom
- Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Lakes Lane Offers IEO £250,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

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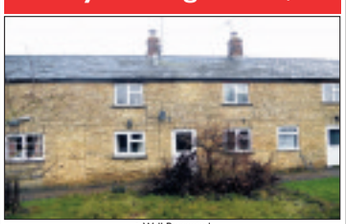
Mrs C is looking for Three/Four bedroom property in Sherington, Can you help? Please call 01234 713333

Yardley Hastings £140,000



- Well Presented
- Double Fronted
- Stone Built
- Character Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- No Onward Chain

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- Part exchage avaialble

RARELY AVAILABLE £276,950

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- High specification
- Whole top floor devoted to master suite
- Popular East Milton Keynes
- Doorless garage
- Excellent access to the M1

3 BEDROOM VILLAGE HOME £229,000

- Semi detached brand new home
- 3 bedrooms with the master bedroom having an en suite
- Feature bay window at the front
- Private parking
- High specification throughout
- Ideal village location

FEW REMAINING £132,950

- Spacious 1 bedroom apartment
- Open plan kitchen/living room
- En suite, in addition to bathroom
- Courtyard area, forming residence garden
- Allocated parking
- Ideal for the commuter

FANTASTIC VALUE APARTMENT £144,995

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- Fantastic specification
- Riverside development on the edge of the city
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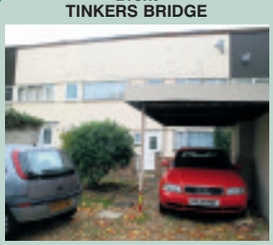

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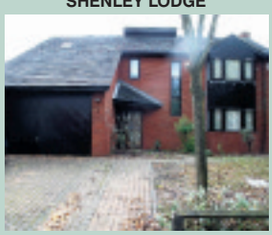

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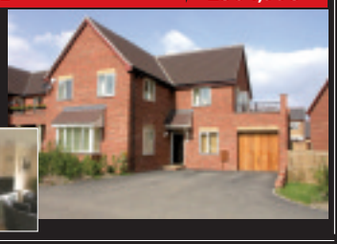

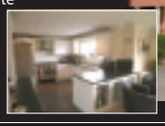

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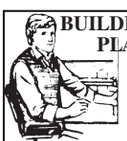

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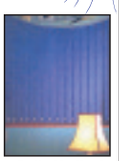

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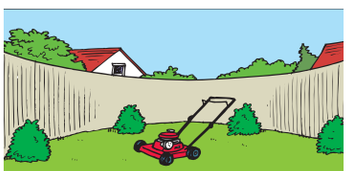

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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing.

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by 13th February 2011 to the following address: Licensing Team, Environment Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, 01908 252800, e-mail: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

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Public Notices

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(CHURCH ROAD, STUDHAM)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Church Road, Studham which extends from Kensworth Road to Valley Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable resurfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over SIX DAYS from Monday 14th February to Saturday 19th February 2011 between 9.00am and 3.30pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on Valley Rd to Common Rd, turn left and continue to Clements End Rd, turn left and continue to Church Rd and site, and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14th February 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above,* whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel. 0300 300 8049.

(TODDINGTON: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 35)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Footpath No 35, Toddington which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0193 2970 in a north westerly direction for approximately 322 metres to OS GR TL 0168 2990.

This temporary footpath closure is required to allow construction works to be carried out for the new Junction 12 of the M1. The closure is expected to take place from Monday 14 February 2011 for up to six months.

There is no alternative route for footpath users while the closure is in operation.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14 February 2011 for a period not exceeding six months or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to the have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within six months the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please contact Michelle Flynn, Central Bedfordshire Council, Tel: 0300 300 6072.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23

PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct a Toucan Crossing located on Windsor Drive, Houghton Regis, north of its junction with Longbrooke. This proposal has been designed to provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists. The adjoining segregated cycle/pedestrian route forms part of National Cycle Route No 6.

The location of the proposed Toucan crossing is as follows:-

Windsor Drive, Houghton Regis; approximately 26 metres north of its junction with Longbrooke

A copy of a plan showing this proposal can be examined during normal office hours at Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9QQ and normal opening hours at Houghton Regis Library, 9 Bedford Square, Houghton Regis LU5 5ES. Telephone Mohammed Shukoor, Bedfordshire Highways on 0845 365 6120 for further advice on this proposal.

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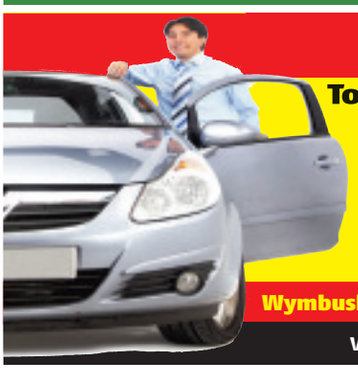

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7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red	H	
	(Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool		
	(Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham		
	(Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
15	Leyton Orient	H
19	Hartlepool	A
22	Oldham	H
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

HATS off to Dagenham & Redbridge for their reduced ticket prices and for abolishing the segregation of fans.

It was a great idea to pack out the terraces and create a good atmosphere for the game, it also proves fans can mix together.

I remember when I was at Wycombe they did a cheap ticket deal which helped bring in a good sized crowd and the place was rocking.

On Saturday during our warm-up session I could hear fans chanting at us and I thought the home fans were cheering us on!

Hopefully a few more clubs will give it a try because it seemed to work.

The game itself wasn't a classic although I thought it was still a very good team performance, and defensively I thought we were excellent.

David Martin looked assured in goal, but I can't remember him having too much to do in the game, although when he was called upon he made a great save to deny Marvin Morgan.

Everyone across the defence put in a good shift with Adam Chicksen coming in for the full game, Dean Lewington moving into centreback and Kouo-Doumbe and Danny Woodards also played their part in restricting Dagenham's chances.

We switched our system at half-time, which worked as it allowed us to get on the ball more and play to our strengths rather than Dagenham's.

I was really pleased for Mark Carrington because he's done well every time he has come into the team.

It was a bit of a lucky strike. He hit it from distance and really the keeper should have kept hold of it, but we're just happy with the three points and at times we've lacked that little bit of help from Lady Luck away from home.

We were disappointed to see Sam Baldock go off with an injury.

It left us a little short in numbers again so Karl used his contacts to bring in David Amoo from Liverpool - he is an exciting young player with pace who can play wide or up front so he gives us options and is a welcome addition to the squad.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	25	9	4	0	28	9	5	3	4	16	10	25	49
2	Bournemouth	26	10	1	2	32	10	2	6	5	14	17	19	43
3	Huddersfield	26	8	3	3	22	12	5	1	6	20	20	10	43
4	Southampton	25	7	4	3	23	9	5	1	5	20	13	21	41
5	MK Dons	27	9	2	2	21	12	3	2	9	15	27	-3	40
6	Peterborough	24	9	1	3	36	25	3	2	6	14	21	4	39
7	Oldham	25	6	5	2	20	17	4	4	4	17	18	2	39
8	Charlton	24	6	3	3	15	15	4	5	3	26	20	6	38
9	Rochdale	25	4	6	2	19	15	5	3	5	16	15	5	36
10	Sheff Wed	25	6	4	3	20	11	4	1	7	18	19	8	35
11	Colchester	24	5	6	2	21	20	3	5	3	11	13	-1	35
12	Carlisle	23	6	4	3	22	13	3	3	4	12	11	10	34
13	Exeter	25	6	4	2	24	17	3	3	7	13	26	-6	34
14	Hartlepool	25	4	3	4	18	22	5	4	5	9	13	-8	34
15	Plymouth	27	5	4	5	17	19	4	2	7	17	24	-9	33
16	Leyton Orient	24	6	3	2	21	12	2	5	6	17	24	2	32
17	Brentford	25	4	3	4	12	15	5	2	7	17	17	-3	32
18	Notts County	24	7	0	5	17	12	2	4	6	14	19	0	31
19	Tranmere	25	5	3	5	17	19	3	3	6	12	18	-8	30
20	Swindon	26	5	4	5	16	18	2	4	6	21	26	-7	29
21	Yeovil	25	4	2	5	14	17	3	4	7	12	22	-13	27
22	Bristol Rovers	25	4	4	4	14	18	2	5	6	16	28	-16	27
23	Dag & Red	24	2	4	5	10	15	3	2	8	14	24	-15	21
24	Walsall	26	3	1	8	13	24	2	4	8	15	27	-23	20

Dons battle for draw

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had a shot well saved by David Martin but the threat from the resulting corner was kept alive and Terrell Forbes arrived on time to convert from close range and spin the game on its head in the space of seven minutes.

The O's grew in confidence after taking the advantage in the score line and were quick to keep Martin busy in goal, which they did with a fierce free-kick from Cox which the Dons goalie was unable to keep hold of, but Alex Revell was penalised in his attempt to follow-up.

The sting was taken out of the game when both Danny Woodards and Stephen Dawson both received separate lengthy treatments for injuries, with the latter forcing the O's into their first substitution five minutes before the break.

Dons came close to equalising on the stroke of half-time when Gleeson accurately lofted the ball in for Jabo Ibehre to nod on, but the alert Jones was able to make a great tip away to ensure the host carried their slender lead into the changing rooms.

Sean O'Hanlon was introduced for the Dons at the restart as Woodards failed to recover from his head injury earlier in the match.

Both Ibehre and Lewis Guy had wild shots fall well off-target as Dons looked for a second, but it was a poor challenge by Jimmy Smith at the left of the box which allowed Dons to square the score.

Leven was able to whip in a lingering free-kick for O'Hanlon, on the pitch for 11 minutes, to rise over the O's defence to head beyond the diving Jones.

O'Hanlon's goal came at the perfect time for the Dons as it delivered a blow to the O's and provided Robinson's men with the confidence lift they needed.

The visitors were then able to strengthen their attack with the introduction of loanees Amoo and Rowan Vine off the bench.

The O's lost their shape as the second-half progressed, and the decision to bring off Cox, one of their more dangerous players as he exposed gaps out wide, would have pleased the Dons.

Amoo caused panic for O's keeper Jones when his tight-angled shot fizzed along the goal mouth and fell inches wide.

Both sides pushed on in the final stages, yet neither were able to carve a clear cut opportunity to claim all three points.

The Dons do not return to action until Wednesday, February 2 when they travel to Bristol Rovers.

LEYTON ORIENT: Jones, Whing, Chorley, Forbes, Cox (Mpoku 76), Dawson (c) (Kane 39), McGleish (Tehou 68), Revell, Daniels, Spring, Smith.

MK DONS: Martin, Lewington (c), Kouo-Doumbe, Gleeson, Carrington, Guy (Amoo 66), Woodards (O,Hanlon 45), Ibehre, Leven, Chicksen, Chadwick (Vine 70).

Referee: Darren Sheldrake (Surrey)

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Life's tweet for on-loan striker

IT'S good to talk – at least that is the opinion of MK Dons loan signing Rowan Vine.

The Queens Park Rangers striker may have had only a few appearances since making the temporary switch to stadiummk two weeks ago, but he has already endeared himself to a large section of the supporters thanks to the social networking website Twitter.

Vine is one of many footballers to be signed up to the website – Rio Ferdinand and Robbie Savage are among the high profile stars on Twitter – but is the first Dons player to tweet.

The former Luton forward used the site to announce his month-long loan deal with the Dons, has aired his views on players handing in transfer requests and enjoyed exchanges with Dons fans.

All of a-Twitter: Social networking fan Rowan Vine

And he's keen to continue to use Twitter as a way to connect with his followers. He said: "I always try to take a bit of time out to answer questions from fans – there's been a warm response.

"It's good because you might not have five or ten minutes to speak to a fan in the street and sometimes they might think a little bit less of you if you don't, but when you're at home sat on the computer it's the same for the fan.

"They feel like they're speaking to you and if you've given them some feedback then they're happy."

The website has got several sports stars in hot water over controversial comments but Vine doesn't see any of his new team mates making the same slip up because he thinks Twitter could be too complicated for them.

"I think some of they might join once they know how to work it - I don't know if they've got the intelligence!

"If it goes overboard and people get offensive, or players start getting into things they shouldn't, then that's a bit of a grey area, but it's a good way to communicate."

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Dean Lewington rises to the occasion against Leyton Orient last night

Last-gasp winner sees off Daggers

DAG & REDBRIDGE 0

MK DONS 1 Carrington 94

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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ANOTHER string to the bow, that is how MK Dons boss Karl Robinson summed up the gritty last-minute victory at Dagenham & Redbridge.

Dramatic injury-time winners have been a distant memory for the Dons this season, but the emotions produced by a decisive strike so late in the game came flooding back when an error by Daggers goalie Tony Roberts handed three points to the men from MK.

Daggers, reduced to ten men in the final stages when Danny Green was dismissed for leading with his elbow on Luke Chadwick, would have been cursing their luck as Mark Carrington's long-range shot hit the chest of Roberts before looping into the goal in the 94th minute.

The home side, celebrating Daggers Against Racism Day with 99p tickets and abandoning the segregation of fans for one game, had played their poor pitch to their advantage in the first-half and the lively Marvin Morgan forced the only real save from Dons' David Martin.

A switch in formation and tactics allowed Robinson's team to force their own style of play on the Daggers and when Green saw red it was only a matter of time until the pressure told.

But as the clock counted down it seemed like hope had faded until Carrington, on for the injured substitute Sam Baldock, watched his right-footed shot fumble over Roberts.

Robinson said: "We played some good football in the second-half. You can play football on any pitch when you've got the quality that we possess, granted we didn't have enough of the game that we'd like to have or would normally have but the midfield players worked hard.

"It's another string to our bow it's another side to our game that we'd questioned.

"Against a very tough team on the road it's a great three points, a win that we're very pleased of."

Lions triumph in a nail-biter

MK LIONS 91
NEWCASTLE EAGLES 100

MK LIONS 87
WORCESTER WOLVES 85

MIKE New watched his MK Lions side recorded their third win of the season in a thrilling encounter with Worcester Wolves.

The nail-biting victory came days after Lions suffered defeat to Newcastle Eagles, their eighth in this campaign, and proved a hard fought two points as Wolves led for the majority of the final period thanks to the efforts of Daniel Gilbert.

Lions, under pressure due to their win-loss record and their lowly position in the British Basketball League table, were indebted to veteran Shawn Myers who turned in a vintage performance totalling 17 points and 16 rebounds.

There was little in it during a free-flowing and high tempo first half as the home side edged it 49-47 and by the end of the third it looked like it could be the Wolves wrapping up with the points as they finished strongly to lead by five heading into the fourth quarter.

When Gilbert converted with just over five minutes of the game left, it looked like Wolves had done enough as they moved seven points ahead but the plucky hosts had other ideas.

They played some excellent defence and restricted Wolves to just four points in the last five minutes to complete a morale boosting success.

It came just 48 hours after Eagles used their quality to notch up their ninth straight victory.

A late rally on Friday night saw Lions narrow the deficit with a 7-0 burst to make the score 75-89 and they had it down to seven points at 91-98 within the final minute, but Eagles held strong.

■ LIONS travel to Guildford Heat on Sunday, tip-off 3pm.

Lightning roll on

FOR the third weekend running MK Lightning picked up maximum points as their attempts to retain their league title go from strength to strength.

An impressive display over Manchester Phoenix, a 6-3 win, and the 5-0 thrashing of Sheffield Steeldogs extending Lightning's unbeaten streak to seven.

A quick glance at the league table would suggest Lightning are still some way off the pace of leaders Manchester as they sit 13 points adrift in fifth.

However, Lightning currently hold five games in hand over the Phoenix, who Nick Poole's Lightning outfit outplayed last weekend.

Two goals each from Andre Smulter and Blaz Emersic added with strikes from Adam Carr and Lukas Zatopek ensured a comfortable win for Lightning.

Soaring confidence in the Planet Ice camp continued as they netted five unanswered goals at Sheffield 24 hours later.

Lightning will be looking to continue their unstoppable form this weekend when they take on Guildford Flames.

Poole's side have the meanest defence in the EPL having conceded only 73 goals all season, compared with Guildford's 108.

Guildford, meanwhile, lost both of last weekend's matches away at Basingstoke then at home to Slough.

The momentum is with MK as their recent purple patch has moved them within touching distance of both Slough and Basingstoke in the league table.

■ LIGHTNING host Guildford Flames at Planet Ice on Saturday, face-off 7pm, and on Sunday they travel to Bracknell Bees on Sunday, face-off 6pm.

MK sprinter hits UK top ten

A YOUNG sprinter who twice broke Milton Keynes Athletics Club's 200 meters record has been praised by his coach.

Daniel Oderinde was the star of the show at the South of England Indoor Championships with impressive performances in the 60m and 200m.

The 14-year-old from St Paul's Catholic School ran 7.34 seconds in the 60m heats to clinch second place, before improving on his time in the final to win silver in 7.18s – a time that puts him in the club's record books.

Not satisfied with one medal Oderinde went on to set a time of 23.84s in the 200m, which he smashed when it came to the final as he clocked 23.32s, a new Championship and club record which took the gold medal.

Coach Mike Leonard said: "Daniel has shown great promise over the past two years in the sprints and his results at the South of England Indoor Champs are a great breakthrough, showing how good he is becoming."

Under-15 runner Oderinde goes 10th on the UK all-time rankings at 60m and equal 17th at 200m.

Red Bull's RB7 out next week

RED Bull Racing have confirmed they will unveil their new car next week.

Last year's car won driver Sebastian Vettel the World Championship and the team the Constuctors' Championship in Red Bull's best season.

The new Adrian Newey design, called the RB7, will be revealed by drivers Vettel and Mark Webber on Tuesday at Circuito Ricardo Tormo in Valencia.

Struggling Bletchley blitzed by Wycombe

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Bletchley 22
High Wycombe 59

A CRUSHING defeat at the hands of High Wycombe has left Bletchley five points off the bottom of the South West 1 East table.

Bletchley struggled from the offset to cope with the talents of High Wycombe and within five minutes they found themselves 7-0 down.

The home side recovered from the blow when Ty Stockill's unconverted try and Phil Harman's penalty posted points on the board, but High Wycombe proved too strong as they led 26-8 at the break.

Wycombe continued where they left off after the interval with two quick converted tries extending their lead to an unassailable 40-8.

John Kirwan and Adam Griffiths grabbed tries, converted by Phil Harman, either side of three tries from Wycombe but the result was all but confirmed at half-time.

Amersham & Chiltern 41
Olney 14

OLNEY suffered a heavy loss at second placed Amersham & Chiltern to leave them 18 points off league leaders Maidenhead.

A James Hawken penalty gave Olney the lead which was quickly cancelled out by Amersham.

Olney's hopes were dented when lock Steve Harrison was yellow carded for ill discipline at the maul and Amersham took advantage as they scored their opening try.

The hosts were in dominate fashion as they carried a 27-9 lead in at half-time.

Amersham continued to run riot in the second half but when they had a man sent to the sin bin it allowed Mark Marwood to score Olney's one and only try of the game.

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Lightning max out again – see page 75

Second-half sub Sean O'Hanlon gets up to score the equaliser against Leyton Orient last night

Sean of the head

LEYTON O 2 McGleish 9, Forbes 14

MK DONS 2 Gleeson 7, O'Hanlon 56

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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SUBSTITUTE Sean O'Hanlon's second-half header rescued a point for MK Dons as they drew 2-2 with Leyton Orient last night.

Dons had opened the scoring in an entertaining game at Brisbane Road through a delightful 30-yard strike from Stephen Gleeson in then seventh minute. Yet little over five minutes later Orient had come from behind to lead 2-1 thanks to goals from Scott McGleish and Terrell Forbes.

The second-half was bossed by the visitors and a powerful nod by O'Hanlon, his second goal of the season, picked up a well deserved point for the Dons.

The result strengthens the Dons, hold on a place in the League One play-offs moving them above Peterborough United into fifth place, although a number of their top six rivals have games in hand.

Dons travelled to Brisbane Road looking to record back-to-back away wins for the first time since December 2009.

Mark Carrington, the match winner at Dagenham & Redbridge days earlier, was brought into the team in place of Daniel Powell, while new loan signing David Amoo, a 19-year-old forward who can play on right and up front, came off the bench for his debut.

The early signs were promising for the Dons when their complete dominance paid off in the eighth minute thanks to a stunning goal by Stephen Gleeson.

The Republic of Ireland under-21 international took one to control Danny Woodards' throw-in then unleashed a superb right-footed half-volley into the top corner of Jamie Jones' net.

However, Dons' joy was short lived as Leyton Orient burst into life to level the scores two minutes later when Dean Lewington slipped in an attempt to intercept Andrew Whing's through ball, which allowed Scott McGleish to expertly tuck home.

Dons then survived two scares as Dean Cox smashed an effort against the upright and Daniels

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Rugby comes to stadiummk

ELITE European rugby will be played at stadiummk in April.

Northampton Saints have confirmed their Heineken Cup quarter-final against Ulster will take place at MK Dons' stadium.

The Saints have been forced to switch their 'home' venue from Franklin's Gardens, which has a capacity of 13,591, due to tournament regulations stating quarter-finals have to be played in stadiums with a minimum capacity of 15,000.

Saints confirmed a home quarter-final with victory over Castres last weekend and on Monday the ERC turned down their request of approval for the match to remain at Franklin's Gardens.

The switch to stadiummk, which holds 21,500, could potential inject £1.5million into Milton Keynes' economy with Ulster fans flocking to the city for the game.

It will be the second time stadiummk has played host to rugby - the first was a Premiership clash between Saracens and Bristol Rugby.

The Saints already have a large following in the area with 25 per cent of their supporter base coming from the Milton Keynes and north Buckinghamshire area.

The Saints, who won the trophy in 2000, are the only team in the 2010/11 tournament to win six pool matches from six.

Saints' chief executive Allan Robson said: "It is a lovely stadium with outstanding facilities that is well run and the management there have told us that they want to make it a home from home for both the team and supporters for the day.

"The extra capacity available to us means that all of our season ticket holders, members and friends and family will be able to see the match, as well as many more supporters who would not otherwise have been able to go."

The fixture is set to be played on either Friday, April 8 or Sunday, April 10.

MK Dons have confirmed the Heineken Cup match will not affect their League One home fixture with Carlisle United on Saturday, April 9.

The date and ticket details are expected to be announced this week.

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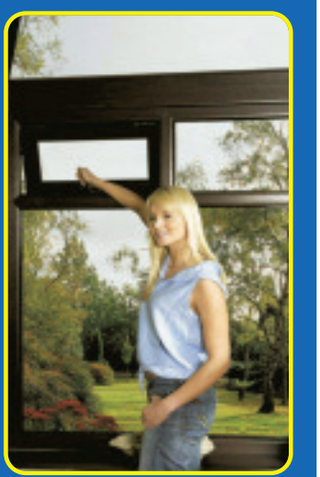

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